

Stampede as fire sweeps through pilgrims' tents

47 Egyptians die in monastery blaze

KOUSSEYA, Egypt, June 22, (Agencies): Forty-seven Egyptian pilgrims, including 27 children, were burned or trampled to death in a blaze at a remote monastery today, a senior official said.

Most victims were sleeping children crushed in a stampede of panicking Christian pilgrims inside the 4th century walled Al Muharrag monastery, said Assiut Governor Mohammed Abdel Halim Moussa.

In a telephone interview, he ruled out sabotage and said carelessness by some of the 2,000 visitors celebrating a religious festival started the blaze in the early morning.

Only seven bodies found inside the monastery grounds

were identified and the 40 others were charred beyond recognition, he said. Fifteen people, including two Muslims, were injured.

"Negligence and insufficient fire-fighting equipment are responsible for the fire which gutted about 140 tents," he said.

Arrest

None of the 50 monks at the monastery, which has 30-acres (12 hectares) of grounds, was injured. Moussa said the building was still intact.

But, police Maj. Gen. Hassan Ebeid, the local security commander, said the fire was started by the explosion of a butane gas bottle which a street vendor was using to light up his displays. It

spread to a nearby power generator, causing it to explode in turn.

The flames quickly swept through at least 30 tents, killing or injuring their occupants.

Authorities ordered the arrest of the chick-pea vendor, identified as Sabry Shehata, and he was apprehended after a futile attempt to escape.

Burns

The Al Muharrag monastery was built by Egyptian Copts, on a spot where, according to tradition, the Holy Family stayed for three years when they fled Palestine.

"All I know is I was surrounded by fire and gradually smoke choked me," said 25-year-old Samia Girgis, sobbing and

imploping nurses at the local state hospital to help find her missing family.

She was limping and burns on her thigh had been bandaged. Twenty-year-old housewife Hassan Saad also said from her hospital bed she did not know what started the blaze.

"Fire caught my night-gown in my sleep... I ran around aimlessly, I next found myself in hospital," she said.

Magdi Naim, a farmer who said he visits the monastery every year for the festival said fire engines were slow to arrive and the blaze lasted seven hours before it was extinguished.

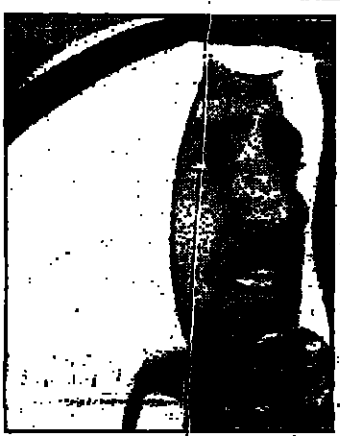
Moussa said he had ordered rescue teams, fire engines and ambulances in future to be posted near the tourist attraction.

China denies missile sale

BEIJING, June 22, (Reuters): China denied reports that it is to sell advanced missiles to Syria, regarded by Israel as its principal enemy in the Middle East.

"There is no truth to the report," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said today without commenting further.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday China and Syria were negotiating a deal involving M-9 missiles with a range of at least 600 km (360 miles). The US magazine Newsweek reported earlier that a sale was imminent.



Kuwait urges Toronto summit follow-up

KUWAIT has urged the leaders of seven top industrial nations who met in Toronto this week to put words into action and work for the convening of a Middle East peace conference.

Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad, commenting on the Toronto summit, told reporters: "We are happy with this statement which is a positive development in the position of these countries, toward Arab causes and their understanding of the situation in the occupied territories."

Protests

The leaders expressed support for an international peace conference, opposed by Israel but long backed by the Arabs. They also said Palestinian protests in Israeli occupied territories showed the status quo was untenable.

But Sheikh Sabah added: "If these countries want to preserve their credibility, they must stick to the decision and not deviate from it, especially when discussing the issue in the United Nations."

The United States backs an international conference only as a prelude to direct Arab-Israeli talks. It has repeatedly vetoed resolutions critical of Israel in the UN Security Council.

Sheikh Sabah also hailed the summit's condemnation of terrorism and acts of air piracy, including the hijacking last April of a Kuwaiti airliner.

Premier named

BANGKOK, June 22, (Reuters): Vietnam today named Do Muoi Prime Minister at the opening session of its parliament in Hanoi, the state radio said.

Muoi, 71, number three in the politburo, is regarded as the communist leadership's top disciplinarian who has been in charge of a faltering 16-month purge of corrupt and inefficient officials from the party.

European soccer

STUTTGART, West Germany, June 22, (Reuters): The Soviet Union beat Italy 2-0 (half-time 0-0) in their European championship semifinal today.

Syrians seal off 'hostage hotel'

LONDON, June 22, (Agencies): Syrian forces have sealed off an area in southern Beirut in which they believe 15 Western hostages are being held. Britain's Independent newspaper said today.

The report quoted Syrian intelligence officers as saying the hostages were being held by members of the Iranian-backed Hezbollah militia in an area no bigger than 1,000 yards (metres) square inside the Hay Madi barracks.

The report in the Independent supported a story published in the Mail on Sunday of June 5 that all the hostages had been transferred to the barracks, a single storey building with several basements dubbed the "hostage hotel."

The Independent said the evidence had come from members of the Amal militia held for a time during its recent fighting

with Hezbollah and from tip-offs and observation.

It quoted the security men as saying there was no prospect of freeing the hostages by force. Further negotiations, they said, were required with Hezbollah.

"Security men said it would be impossible to storm the barracks with any hope of success," the newspaper said. "They estimated there were 250 guards in the building with many more in the surrounding areas. Amal officers said there were at least 400 Iranian Revolutionary Guards in the southern suburbs."

The Syrian officers said that though Syrian control of the area was not watertight, it was certain neither the kidnappers nor their prisoners could be moved and that pressure on the barracks would make negotiations easier.

UK legislators return with Iranian pledge

LONDON, June 22, (AP): Four British lawmakers returned from Tehran today saying the Iranians offered to use their influence to secure the release of British captives in Lebanon.

But the lawmakers said they could not raise the plight of American hostages because they found the anti-US atmosphere too strong.

They called their visit a success, saying they received indications that three British captives believed held by pro-Iranian groups were alive.

But they said the visit elicited no concrete information about any of the 18 foreigners held in Lebanon.

Victims

They said they raised the fate of the three Britons with three senior Iranian officials. Lord Tordoff quoted Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Larjani as saying: "We are against hostage-taking. We are ourselves victims of hostage-taking. But we are willing to use our good offices. It takes a lot of patience."

Delegation leader Cyril Townsend said he was unable to accede to request a support group for American journalist Terry Anderson, to press for a US delegation to be allowed into Iran.

"I have to say the reaction to any reference to the United States as such would have been totally counter-productive," he

said. The Iranians, he said, had an obsession about the United States and they saw the United States in a very different category to Western Europe. So the Iranian lever for American hostages in the Lebanon is not one which one can easily pull, he said.

The lawmakers said the Iranians asked for help in locating four of their nationals kidnapped in Lebanon in 1982, and the delegation promised to do all it could.

The four lawmakers arrived at London's Heathrow Airport, accompanied by Church of England envoy John Lytle who had also been in Tehran. They refused to comment and immediately went to Lambeth Palace to report to Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie, who organised the visit.

The Islamic Republic News Agency, quoted one of the British Members of Parliament, Robert Hicks, as saying last night that the "time is ripe" for Tehran and London to improve relations after years of strain.

IRNA quoted Deputy Prime Minister Ali Reza Moayeri as saying last night that Iran "will ask its friends in Lebanon to help locate" Britons kidnapped by Shiite militants.

But he said that in return, Britain had to help locate and free three Iranians who have been missing in Lebanon since 1982.

Rocard resignation accepted

PARIS, June 22, (Reuters): President Mitterrand has formally accepted the resignation of Prime Minister Michel Rocard's Socialist government effective from midnight today, according to an official announcement.

Rocard, who made the announcement at the end of a cabinet meeting, tendered his

resignation on June 14 immediately after the inconclusive general election, but was asked to stay in a caretaker capacity.

The resignation paves the way for a government reshuffle expected next week, but Mitterrand has already said he will keep Rocard as prime minister.



An Israeli Army firefighter uses a wooden paddle to stop a fire in a field. (Reuters wirephoto)

Amritsar tense as Sikhs kill 5 people

AMRITSAR, June 22, (UPI): Suspected Sikh militants killed five people today in the state of Punjab, pushing to at least 66 the death toll in four days of violence linked to the extremists' drive for independence, police said.

In the Sikh holy city of Amritsar, security personnel enforced an indefinite curfew slapped on selected neighbourhoods to prevent communal violence a day after two bombs planted by Sikh extremists killed at least 32 people and injured 75 others.

Home Minister Buta Singh said the Sikh militants were bent on setting religion against religion.

"Communal harmony should be maintained at all costs," he said in an urgent appeal.

Hindus, enraged by the bombings, had attacked several Sikhs shortly after the explosions, prompting the curfew.

Shops and businesses in curfew-free portions of Amritsar were closed all day yesterday in a strike called by Hindu fundamentalist groups to protest the bombings. No incidents were reported.

Police in the Punjab capital of Chandigarh said an undetermined number of Sikh extremists around 9 am blocked a road near the village of Dhuri, 65 miles (105 km) to the northwest, and raked an automobile with automatic gunfire, killing all four occupants.

Protest

Two of the diplomats are being sent home from the Soviet embassy in Ottawa and six others from the Soviet consulate in Montreal, government officials said.

Nine other Soviet diplomats who have already left the country have been told not to return to Canada, the officials said.

The expulsion order was delivered to Soviet officials last week in the form of a diplomatic protest, said one official who asked not to be identified.

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Canada expels 17 Soviets

TORONTO, June 22, (Reuters): The Canadian government has expelled 17 Soviet diplomats on charges of industrial espionage, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney said yesterday.

Mulroney confirmed the spying charges but provided few details at a news conference at the conclusion of the economic summit of the seven major industrialized democracies.

"I can confirm to you that we took some strong action last week," the prime minister told reporters.

The statement, issued at the Arab summit in Algiers and now circulating at the State Department, is attributed to Bassam Abu Sharif, adviser to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat.

It appears to soften considerably the PLO line against Israel, endorsing United Nations resolutions that assert Israel's right to exist, and proclaiming that "we (PLO) are ready for peace now."

It also suggested direct peace talks and an internationally-supervised referendum on the West Bank and Gaza Strip to establish whether the PLO should represent Palestinians.

Noting that Arafat has said he is ready to answer US questions but not through the press, a

Fields set alight

Commandos trying to infiltrate Israeli border captured

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 22, (Agencies): Troops captured four Palestinian commandos who tried to infiltrate into Israel from Lebanon today as Palestinians in occupied areas staged a general strike and set fire to Israeli land.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir praised the soldiers who forced the commandos to surrender after a half-hour battle at the border fence in which three of the commandos were shot and slightly wounded. There were no Israeli casualties.

"This time they caught them living which will give us an opportunity to receive more information on all these repeated attempts to infiltrate the Galilee," Shamir told reporters.

Security sources said the four commandos from George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), were on their way to carry out an attack in Israel when they were spotted near Kfar Yuval.

The commandos were armed with machine-guns, explosives, and rocket-propelled grenade launchers, and were forced to undress to their underwear before being taken to hospital in Israel, the sources said.

"Our commando members carried out an operation in Israel and we are responsible for them," the PFLP said in a statement released in Lebanon. The group did not mention casualties or the target of the failed infiltration.

Identified

In another statement in Beirut, the PFLP identified three of the four captured commandos as Mahmoud Raja Al Kurdi, 20, Zuhair Abdelrahma Karoum, 17, and Khodr Daoud Naser, 19.

It quoted letters written by the three before the operation vowing to continue the struggle against Israel.

Fields were set alight throughout the country and police said they believed Palestinian nationalists were behind some of the arson attacks.

Fields between the Israeli Arab village of Kafr Kassem and the West Bank town of Kalkilya were set on fire, police said.

Ripped

The worst of the bloodshed was yesterday's attack in Amritsar, in which two time bombs ripped through an intersection packed with hundreds of pedestrians leaving large markets near the Golden Temple.

Police officials said they suspected the bombs were set by the Babbar Khalsa, one of the largest extremist groups.

The official death toll was put at 25, but a United Press International reporter counted 32 bodies brought to the morgue of Amritsar's civil hospital from the scene of the tragedy.

A.A. Siddiqui, a deputy inspector-general of Punjab police, said that law enforcement officials had launched an extensive operation aimed at suspected Babbar Khalsa hideouts.

Local medical staff reported in the past few months that tear gas appeared to have caused or contributed to the deaths of more than 40 Palestinians, it said.

"Almost all the alleged victims belonged to sections of the populations vulnerable to tear gas inhalation — babies, the elderly and sick people, particularly those with respiratory diseases."

Amnesty said it had little clinical evidence of tear gas-related deaths for several reasons.

Palestinians were wary about agreeing to post-mortems on relatives for religious and other reasons, and hospitals in the territories lacked equipment to carry out detailed autopsies.

The few autopsies carried out by Israeli authorities had attributed deaths to heart attacks, but none of the reports was made available to relatives, it said.

Amnesty said that despite its lack of evidence, patterns of deaths following high exposure to tear gas were alarming enough "to warrant a thorough and urgent review of IDF use of tear gas and an immediate investigation into deaths among civilians following exposure to tear gas."

Israeli authorities do not admit anyone has died in the occupied territories from tear gas, but they acknowledged it could harm people with health problems, the report said.

Saudi Press Agency quoted an unidentified Saudi official as saying that the request by Murphy was not made to the kingdom.

The Saudi source said: "The report has no validity."

Privately, US officials said the PLO could satisfy the US demand for an "authoritative statement by issuing it on official PLO letter-head as the United States does."

The recent Beirut fighting between rival Palestinian factions has been fanned by Abu Sharif's statement.

It was branded "high treason" by five dissident groups who broke away from the PLO five years ago in a dispute with Arafat's policies.

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INTERNATIONAL

Massachusetts governor holds private talks with Jackson

Dukakis in search of a running mate

WASHINGTON, June 22, (AP): Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis today held private talks with Jesse Jackson as he launched an "open" search for a Democratic running mate.

Some members of Congress say privately that placing the civil rights leader on the ticket could seriously jeopardize chances of defeating the Vice-President, George Bush.

Bush, still weeks away from having to pick his own running mate, is concentrating on rallying enthusiasm for his candidacy. "I'm convinced we can carry the day" despite his poor standing in the polls, he said.

Bush uttered his prediction in a session with the 46 Republican senators in Washington yesterday. Dukakis emerged from a 40-minute meeting with Jackson in California and said, "the process has now begun" that will lead him to pick a running mate.

Chances

At the same time, sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Dukakis' campaign has begun public polling to determine which running mate will enhance his chances of winning the White House. Campaign officials have asked Jackson, Florida Sen. Bob Graham and possibly others to provide background material about themselves for review.

Dukakis and his aides have avoided talking publicly about the search for a running mate as much as possible in part because they want public attention focused on the campaign's public themes.

Neither Dukakis nor Jackson would say exactly what they talked about. Nor would the Massachusetts governor say whether his closest pursuer in the primary campaign had asked for the No. 2 slot on the ticket.

Jackson said they discussed the vice-presidency "to some measure" during the meeting and he repeated his assertion that "our constituency deserves consideration."

Dukakis didn't say so, but sources in Washington disclosed that his emissary, Paul Brontas, received strong advice last week not to place Jackson on the ticket. These sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Brontas was urged to tell Dukakis that a southerner or westerner with experience in the areas of defence and foreign policy would enhance the party's chances the most in the fall.

"He was told, 'you can basically write it off in terms of the election if you pick Jackson,'" said one congressman who met with Brontas, speaking on condition of anonymity.

At the same time, sources disclosed Dukakis has asked for background information on at least two possible vice-presidential contenders, Jackson and Graham.

Other names that appear in speculation about Dukakis' ticket mate include Sens. Bill Bradley of New Jersey; Sam Nunn of Georgia; John Glenn of Ohio and Lloyd Bentsen of Texas, as well as Congressmen Tom Foley of Washington and Lee Hamilton of Indiana.

While most of the attention was focused on Dukakis, Bush got a boost from President Ronald Reagan, and a public show of support from the Senate Republicans.

Children forced into world sex market

LISBON, June 22, (Reuters): More than a million children are kidnapped or sold into prostitution in an international sex racket worth billions of dollars each year, said a report presented today to West European justice ministers.

Trafficking in children was growing worldwide and was a serious problem in Europe and the United States as well as the Third World, it said.

Kidnapped

Justice ministers from the 21-member Council of Europe debated the report at a two-day meeting on a range of legal topics, including the legal implications of the AIDS disease.

"It is estimated that every year, one million children are either kidnapped, bought or in other ways forced to enter the sex-market," said the report by the Norwegian delegation.

"Those responsible have enormous financial resources and the traffic brings them billions of dollars a year," it said.

Ministers were discussing in closed-door sessions what joint legal measures they could take to halt child prostitution and the related problem of child pornography, Council of Europe sources said.

But experts said a major barrier to concrete action was that the full extent of the problem was not known.

"It's very important to show people the problem exists," said Alf Andersen, a researcher on child trafficking for the Norwegian Justice Ministry who wrote the report.

Andersen said child prostitution was a major problem in Brazil, Thailand and the Philippines.

Minorities suffer disadvantages in UK

LONDON, June 22, (AP): Ethnic minorities continue to suffer "severe disadvantages" in Britain and the failure to address these problems may result in renewed inner city tensions, the Commission for Racial Equality said in its annual report yesterday.

The quasi-government commission said although progress had been made in the fight against discrimination, more concrete action needed to be taken.

"Some progress has been made in combatting discrimination," said commission chairman Michael Day in a statement accompanying the report. "Institutions, employers, trade unions and members of the general public are more aware of the issues, and policies are beginning to reflect a greater concern for equal opportunities in all areas of life. What we now need is the tenacity to translate fine ideas into good practice."

Alienation

He said, "members of ethnic minorities continue to suffer severe disadvantage in our society. Urgent attention is required in the fields of education, employment and housing..."

"Failure to do this would generate the kind of stress and alienation that has erupted within our inner cities in recent years," he said.

The report said Mrs Thatcher's pledge to place inner city regeneration higher on the political agenda was laudatory, but said "social justice and specific policies to combat racial discrimination are decisive for the effectiveness of any strategy for the inner cities."

Pentagon workers warned

WASHINGTON, June 22, (Reuters): Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci, prompted by a widespread probe of alleged fraud in Pentagon arms purchases, has warned defence officials to obey strict regulations governing the contracting process.

"All our regulations and directives are useless if they are not read, understood and applied with good judgement by our personnel," Carlucci said in a memorandum yesterday.

The memo was circulated hours after a federal grand jury was assembled in Alexandria, Virginia, to study allegations of fraud and bribery in the world's biggest single business — \$100 billion in arms and research bought yearly by the Pentagon.

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Slippers fetch \$165,000

NEW YORK, June 22, (AP): A pair of ruby slippers, preserved after Judy Garland skipped down the yellow brick road in them, sold for \$165,000 dollars yesterday during an auction of movie memorabilia and other collectibles.

"When our expert asked him (the anonymous buyer) what he'd do with them, he said, 'treasure them,'" said Lee Anne Fahey, spokeswoman for Christie's East, the auction house.

Later, 96 unpublished colour slides of Marilyn Monroe taken in Los Angeles in 1945, by William Carroll sold for \$53,955.

The slides were sold in 16 lots, all to anonymous buyers. The most expensive, for \$6,380, featured eight colour studies of Miss Monroe, seated on a seaside boulder and wearing white suspend shorts and a red and white T-shirt.

Canada expels 17 Soviets

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Mulroney, asked if the affair would set back relations with the Soviet Union, did not directly criticise Moscow but said Western governments must remain vigilant.

"We're under no illusions as to the differences in our societies," Mulroney said.

It was not immediately clear whether the charges were linked to the arrest in Newfoundland earlier this month of a man charged with spying for the Soviet Union.

Stephen Joseph Ratkai, a Canadian-born man of Hungarian descent, was charged after a two-year joint investigation by Canadian intelligence authorities and US naval security officials.

Provocation

Ratkai was involved in attempts to pass on classified US military information to the Soviet Union, according to charges filed last week in Newfoundland provincial court.

In Moscow, Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov told a news conference: "The provocation of the Canadian authorities naturally will not remain without due reply."

Asked whether the Soviet Union would reply with expulsions, he said: "Your guess is right. We'll reply as appropriate, but I don't want to elaborate before we have informed the Canadian ambassador."

House approves \$282.6 billion US defence bill

WASHINGTON, June 22, (AP): The House of Representatives has approved a \$282.6 billion fiscal 1989 US defence bill that includes \$3.5 billion for anti-missile programme.

The measure also continues for a fourth straight year a levelling-off of Reagan's military buildup. The vote was 360 to 53.

The bill, which now goes to the Senate, represents about a four per cent cut in purchases of military weapons systems, while increasing military pay and money for operation and maintenance. It reflects congressional preference for maintaining readiness of fighting forces over developing new technology.

Together with other money bills, the defence measure would provide a total of \$299.6 billion for military and intelligence activities in the year that begins Oct 1, essentially a freeze on defence spending for the fourth straight year.

Bomb blast

JOHANNESBURG, June 22, (Reuters): A bomb exploded in an amusement arcade today and wounded 10 people, including a pregnant woman and her two-year-old daughter, police and hospital officials said.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said the explosion was caused by a bomb in the central Johannesburg arcade. But he declined to say what kind of who planted it.

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US shuns role in Afghan politics

ISLAMABAD, June 22, (Reuters): The United States would take care not to become involved in Afghan politics after the withdrawal of Soviet troops from that country, diplomatic sources said.

Washington, which has supplied military aid to Afghan guerrillas, would be comfortable with any new government emerging after the pullout, convinced it would be opposed to the Soviet Union, the sources said today.

Some recent press reports have said the United States was giving up a policy-making role it has performed for its Muslim ally, Pakistan on the Afghan issue. Pakistan also supports the anti-Soviet guerrillas.

Washington, by avoiding involvement in future Afghan affairs, would allow the Muslim guerrillas to fight among themselves and leave Afghanistan to be ruled by anti-Western Islamic politicians, the press reports have said.

But one diplomatic source close to the US Embassy here said: "The US realises that it would be crazy to delve into the future politics of Afghanistan."

"It wants Afghans to work out

their own future but believes it would be comfortable with any new Afghan government which it sees would be anti-Moscow," the source said.

Western analysts have speculated that the guerrillas could topple the Soviet-backed Afghan forces within months of their withdrawal of the last Soviet soldier and install their own government.

Afghan president Najibullah says his Army can defend the country against rebels without the Soviet troops if there was no outside intervention.

The diplomatic sources said the US had seen no evidence that Moscow was hesitating in the pullout and was convinced the withdrawal would be carried out according to schedule.

The sources said Washington would prefer to have a liberal-democratic government installed in Kabul should Najibullah be defeated, but was "not too optimistic" that such an administration would come about.

The Pakistan-based guerrilla alliance on Sunday named a 14-member interim cabinet to be established in Afghanistan should Kabul fall.

UNITED NATIONS, June 22, (AP): The United Nations, teetering on the edge of bankruptcy, is spending almost \$7.4 million on the special session on disarmament that ends this week.

A budget document obtained today by the Associated Press estimates the cost of the four-week special General Assembly session at \$4.17 million — a series of preparatory sessions at \$2.67 million, and UN payments for travel by delegates from the poorest nations at \$556,500.

The document, dated from November 1986, took estimates of inflation into account, and provided figures in anticipated 1988 dollar values.

The figures were provided to the AP after it requested information on the cost of the session, which has attracted delegates from more than 86 of the 159 UN member nations.

Many of those delegations addressed the General Assembly, and all are presenting position papers and generating news releases, which produce a blizzard of documents and require a small army of translators and secretaries.

Records

At the special session itself, the largest single budget item was for documentation — \$1.18 million. Verbatim records of the sessions were estimated to cost another \$1.09 million, while language interpretation during meetings was budgeted at almost \$920,000.

The preparatory meetings included a two-week committee session in 1987, at \$633,800 and two preparatory committee meetings of two weeks each in 1988, budgeted for \$1,074 million and \$966,000.

Last Friday, Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar reiterated that the United Nations could close down by late October if member nations do not pay \$691 million in overdue membership fees they owe.

Power struggle in Beirut refugee camps

12 die in Palestinian clash

BEIRUT, June 22, (AP): Yasser Arafat's commandos and Palestinian rivals battled in Beirut's Chatilla and Bourj El Barajneh refugee camps today in a bloody power struggle. Police said 12 people were killed and 45 wounded.

The casualties raised the known toll since fighting erupted 12 days ago to 46 killed and 188 wounded.

Shell blasts echoed across Beirut as Arafat's Fatah fighters, the main component of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, and Col Saeed Mousa's Fatah-Uprising guerrillas pounded each other's positions with mortar and rocket barrages.

Police said heavy machinegun fire forced the closing of Beirut's airport highway next to Bourj El Barajneh. Flight operations were not affected, police said.

A Fatah spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Arafat's loyalists repulsed several assaults by Mousa's men during the night.

He accused unidentified "other sides" of supporting Mousa's fighters with artillery fire from positions in Syrian-controlled West Beirut.

Fatah said today that it had beaten back two assaults on Chatilla and Bourj El Barajneh launched by Mousa's men from Syrian-controlled territory outside the camps.

Police said Mousa's gunners, deployed in Syrian-controlled territory in mountains overlooking Beirut, hammered both camps with 155mm howitzers.

Mousa's fighters also battered the shantytowns with 82mm and 120mm mortars from positions in Syrian-controlled neighbourhoods around the camps.

Fatah commandos responded with 120mm mortar fire, police said.

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Car bomb kills one in Beirut

BEIRUT, June 22, (Reuters): A car bomb exploded near a Christian militia headquarters in the Lebanese capital, today, killing at least one person and wounding 19, security and hospital sources said.

"There were casualties", shouted a militia officer in the Eastern sector of the Lebanese capital as his men emerged from troop carriers and cordoned off the area.

"One was killed," he added. Hospital sources said 19 were wounded.

The militia officer said 20 kilograms of plastic explosives packed into a Mercedes car ripped through Street 64 in Karantina district — about 500 metres from the headquarters of the rightwing Christian Lebanese Forces militia.

Nearby is the Lebanese Forces intelligence staff's office, bristling with radio masts and protected by a high wall and squads of gunmen.

"The street is narrow. The terrorists did it for maximum effect," the officer said, dodging a huge crane brought in to remove burned out remains of several cars caught in the blast.

Eight days ago, the Lebanese Forces foiled an attempt to use a car bomb to kill their leader, Samir Geagea, an outspoken critic of Syrian involvement in Lebanese affairs.

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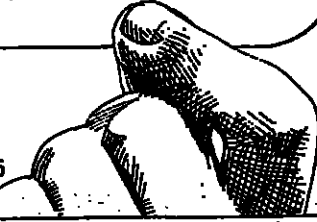
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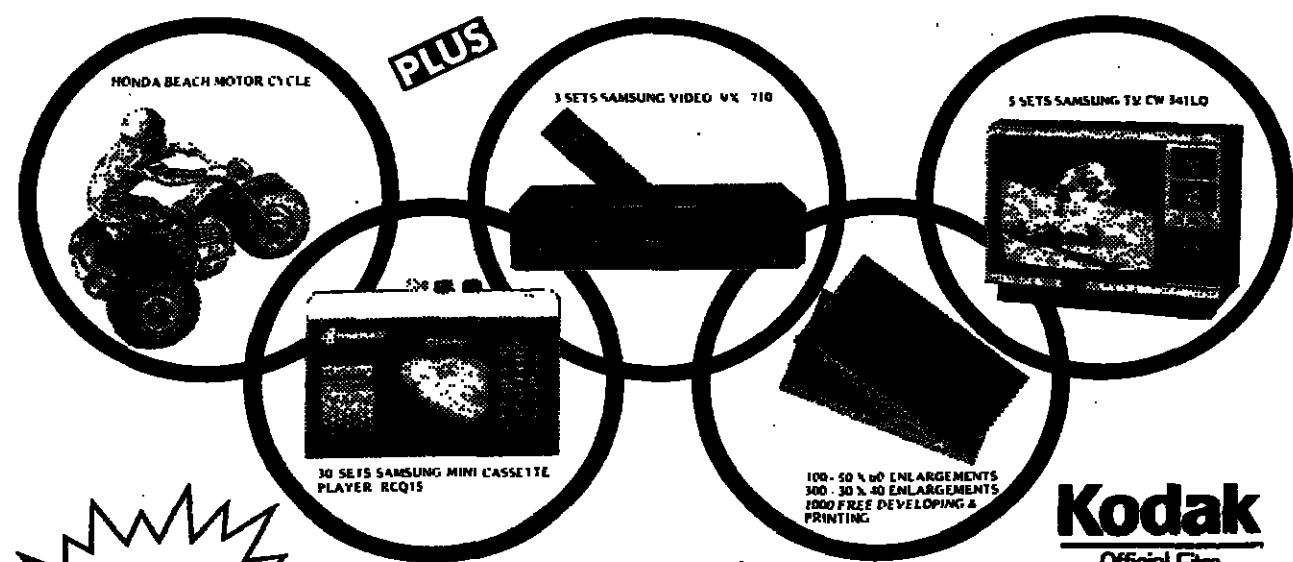
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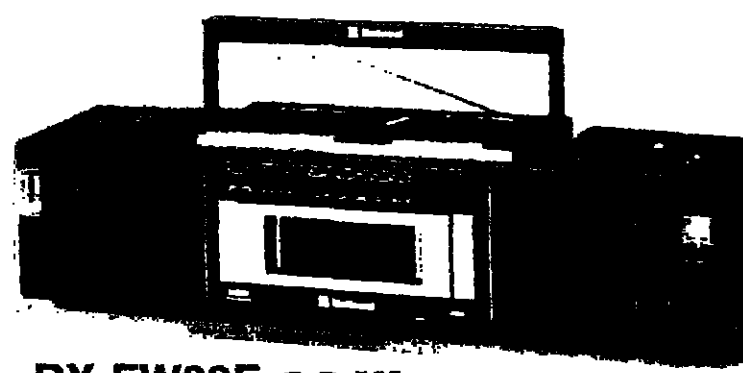
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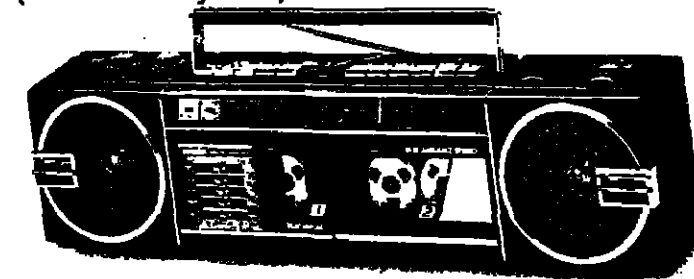
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Soviet role vital for settling Mideast crisis: Butrous Ghali

EGYPTIAN Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butrous Ghali was quoted as saying in an interview yesterday that the Soviet Union has an essential and vital role in the efforts toward a settlement for the Middle East crisis.

Ghali told a Kuwaiti newspaper the Soviet political and realistic presence in the Mideast crisis "constitutes a decisive element that cannot be neglected or bypassed."

He stressed that Egypt welcomes an active Soviet role in the efforts toward a settlement and is looking forward for more Soviet actions in the field of contacts with different international parties, including the US, Western Europe and Israel.

He emphasised that the Soviet presence in peace efforts and its positive role in the international peace conference, which is what Egypt and the Arabs are keen on, will lead to better results than leaving the whole issue to the US alone.

He further explained that what guarantees the Soviet Union can

offer are necessary for the practical implementation of any settlement.

The Egyptian minister in an answer to a question on the recent extraordinary Arab summit conference held in Algiers, said this conference has succeeded in extending support to the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

He said that an Arab consensus is needed at present so as to ensure the continuation of the Palestinian uprising in order to expose Israel and the illusions about its justice and humanity.

Chance

In an answer to another question on the fourth Mideast shuttle by US Secretary of State George Shultz early this month, Ghali said Egypt backs the American diplomatic efforts aiming at peace in the region regardless of the contents of Shultz's peace plan which might be different from the Egyptian point of view.

He expressed belief that the American peace plan would not succeed unless the US develops it

in accordance with the new facts emerged from the Palestinian uprising, particularly regarding ending the Israeli occupation of Arab lands or the leadership of the Palestinian people's struggle.

He emphasised that there is still a chance for reviving peace process if the US takes a position that is more just toward the rights of the Palestinian people and its stand toward the international conference and if it takes a firmer attitude toward Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir's rejection to Shultz's peace plan.

Sheikh Nawaf meets envoys

THE Minister of Defence, Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed yesterday received the Greek Ambassador to Kuwait, Constantine Tsakos.

Sheikh Nawaf also received the Indian Ambassador to Kuwait, N.N. Jha and discussed with them matters of bilateral importance and issues of common interest to their countries.



Sheikhha Latifa gives away an award to a top student from the adults education centres.

KISR projects on underground water

THE department of environmental and earth sciences at the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) in a report disclosed that the department would soon commence work on a series of vital projects dealing with research on underground water resources. These projects would be undertaken on behalf of the Ministry of Electricity and Water.

Further, the report stated that KISR had completed a research project on treatment of sewage water in the main purification plants along with an evaluation of environmental hazards posed by chemical and warfare industries. The report added that a study of the organic decomposition of dissipated oil by natural

or chemical process in salty water and smoke emitted by diesel-driven engines had been sponsored by the Environmental Protection Council in collaboration with the Ministry of Interior and the Kuwait Public Transport Company. The findings of the study gave valuable insight into providing a suitable course of action.

The report further stated that two projects were completed by the department last year, one involved a survey of underground water levels in Kuwait undertaken on behalf of the Ministry of Electricity and Water and the other was an assessment of sand and aggregate quantities in Kuwait.

Agricultural union to study problems

THE chairman of the Agro-production Co-operative Societies Union, Barrak Naser Al Noon, said the union is currently conducting an important study for identifying and recommending solutions for major problems in the agricultural sectors.

Speaking to a local daily he commented, "the primary problem was one of distributing local agricultural products in a market where surplus led to a sharp drop in prices." He added that the present marketing approach afforded intermediaries the opportunities to control prices at the expense of the consumers.

Briefly, he said, the study aimed at tackling the problem exhaustively and to find solutions which would include among others — allocating appropriate sites for marketing local products through joint co-operative efforts between farmers and government authorities; varying the output of products to meet local needs; protective legislation against imports; scarcity of fresh water; power cuts at farms; need for telephone communications in farms and asphalted services for roads to these farms. Flooding of the market with imported products was a vital element to be addressed on a priority basis he said.

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Information Ministry honours top students

SHEIKHA Latifa Fahd Al Salem Al Sabah, wife of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, patronized a festival organized by the Information Ministry to honour outstanding students in various fields. The festival was attended by the Information acting Undersecretary Hamad Al Roumi, senior officials of some ministries and the families of the students.

Sheikha Latifa distributed prizes to over 130 students who excelled in the Secondary School Certificate and the examinations of the police academy, the military academy, the first department and institutes of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training. Prizes were also presented by the Ministry of Information, Kuwait Finance House, Zakat House, National Industries Company, the International Islamic Charitable Authority, Kuwait Investment Company, Kuwait Oil Company, the Mobile Telephones Company and Sabah Al Salem Charitable Institution.

New stamps

THE Ministry of Communications announced the issue of a new set of commemorative stamps on the occasion of the "25th Anniversary of Kuwait Teachers Society" on July 10.

Youths urged to take up manual jobs

TECHNICAL and professional services are imperative for any country's development process and therefore society should encourage youths to actively participate in these so-called manual activities.

Kuwaiti youths have been accused of unwilling to acquire these technical skills as they believe these to be of a demeaning nature.

To get a better insight into the issue, a local daily interviewed a number of youths. Some said, society tended to look disfavouredly on those working as technicians and work related to manual efforts. Others believed, this phenomena was directly the result of Kuwaiti youth being very affluent which caused laziness and no incentives for undertaking hard work. Others said these professions were looked upon as a "poor man's profession."

A number of car repair shop owners said that Kuwaiti youths did not see themselves as getting

dirty doing work that would project an image of a labourer. They went on to add that Kuwaiti youths should realise that Kuwait is for Kuwaitis and the day is not far off when they will have to take the reins of all work into their own hands — once the expatriates leave the country.

Adel Abdul Mehsin Al Kayal called upon Kuwaiti youths — especially those that did not have the opportunity or for any reasons were unable to complete their higher education to actively take up technical professions. He believed that technical jobs had a much better future and were more needed for the betterment of Kuwait than desk held jobs.

Abdul Salam Jasseem said, as a general rule, Kuwaiti society prevented Kuwaiti youths from entering the technical profession due to the social stigma attached — families refused to give their daughters in marriage to Kuwaiti youths engaged in these professions.

65 health science students begin field training

A TOTAL of 65 students of the health science faculty began their field training this week at government hospitals, polyclinics, and health centres. The training programme is aimed at upgrading the medical know-how of the students and provide them with on-the-job medical experience.

Speaking on the issue, the dean of the faculty Fawziyah Mula Hussain said the field training was an essential and integral part of the faculty's programmes — development and planning committee's scheme to subject students to undergo a training course after completion of 42 study units. She added that although the training was mandatory for all pharmaceutical students, the faculty desired that such training be provided to cover all students of the faculty. She commented that the training hours would be 200 and would be under the supervision of professors of the faculty.

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The head of medical science department at the faculty and the supervisor of the training programme said the supervision and follow-up process of trainees would be consistently adhered to by the faculty and the pharmacy department at the Ministry of Public Health.

University signs security contract

KUWAIT UNIVERSITY has signed a contract with the Gulf Security Company, whereby, the latter will provide security and protection services at the university's internal and external facilities.

An official source at the university said the company had posted well-trained security guards at various faculties and

intensified protective measures preliminary to providing special monitoring and security facilities to their security personnel. The official disclosed that these measures became imperative in the wake of sabotage incidents that have occurred at the university's science faculty, the English department and the department of geology.

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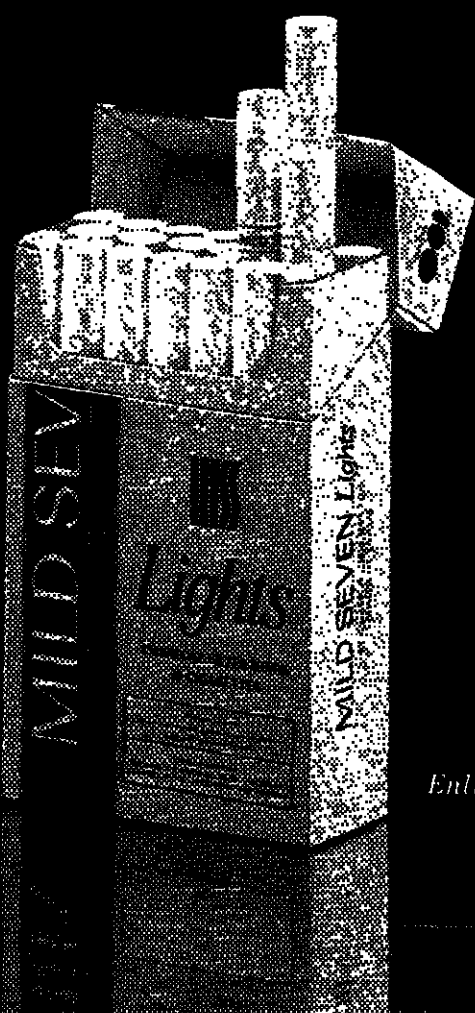
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Sheikh Sabah meetings

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Sheikh Sabah also received the chief editor of the daily Al Qabas newspaper, Mohammad Jassem Al Saghar, the deputy chief editor Yousuf Al Samat and director-general of the same newspaper Ahmad Al Najdi.

Removing rust colour of drinking water

THE Ministry of Electricity and Water will commence executing the second phase of the project designed to solve the problem of rust colour in drinking water. This phase will be specialised to treat water being produced by Shuaiba Western and Eastern water distillation stations that supply the Ahmadi governorate and Doha station that supplies Jahra governorate. The project will concentrate on increasing the alkalinity of distilled water to remove the rust colour of the drinking water. The first stage which includes Shuaib station and supplies suburbs of Kuwait City has been successfully completed.

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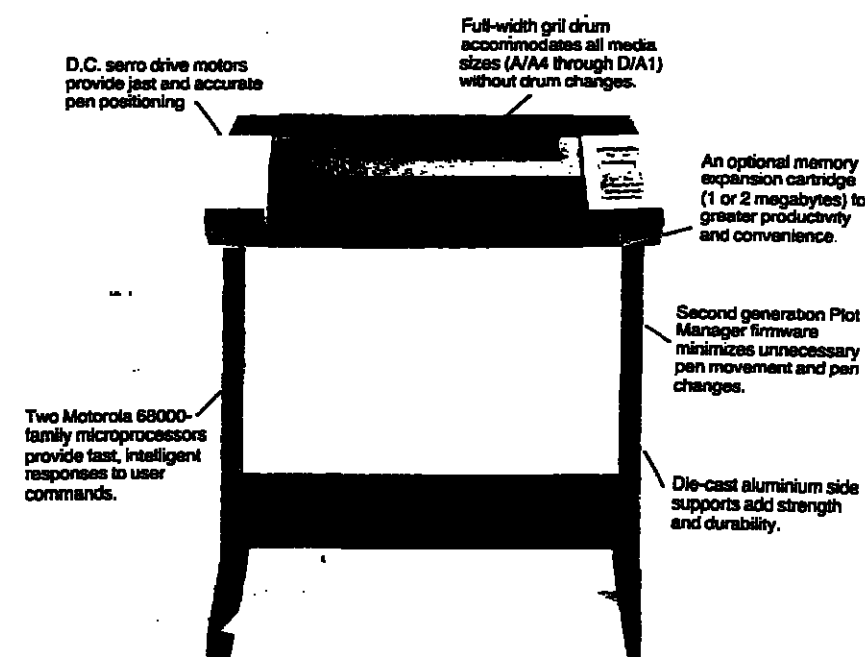
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Uprising creates worry for Israel

By Dan Izenberg

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM. (AP) Social scientists say the six-month-old Palestinian uprising in the occupied lands is creating a worrisome atmosphere of violence and insensitivity in Israel.

Repeated scenes on television of Palestinians throwing stones and being beaten by soldiers are contributing to more violence in labour disputes and demonstrations, according to the scholars and researchers.

Assault

Early this month, hundreds of protesters stormed past police guarding the Finance Ministry in occupied Jerusalem, broke open the massive front door and made frightened office workers sit quietly while they smashed windows and furniture.

Police summoned reinforcements and drove the protesters out with wooden clubs and tear gas. The 500 attackers, Jewish employees of the Beit Shemesh Engine Factory, wanted the government to bail out the financially troubled company.

"Violence is increasingly becoming the norm," said Simcha Landau, a criminologist at Hebrew University. "The sensitivity threshold has become a legitimate way to solve problems."

Several days after the Finance Ministry assault, members of the extreme, anti-Arab Kach Party attacked left-wing demonstrators in downtown occupied Jerusalem and police were called in to break up the fight. The party's leader is American-born Rabbi Meir Kahane.

Crime

In Tel Aviv, bystanders spat on people who marched June 4 to dramatise support for trading the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip for peace with the Arabs. Several scuffles broke out and police beat up three news photographers.

Landau said "Israelis become habituated and desensitized to the violence" they see daily on television and hear about from thousands of reserve soldiers who have served in the territories since the violence began Dec. 8. "The more they see it, the more they tend to imitate it," he said.

He cited international studies indicating violent crime incre-

ases after wars because people put less value on human life. Landau said his research in Israel has shown increases in murder and robbery in times of war or economic hardship.

"There is an erosion of the value which negates violence, collectively and individually," he said. "At times like this, many people who live on the edge of violence cross the line."

More than 200 Palestinians have been killed — most shot or beaten to death by soldiers — in what has come to be called the intifada, the Arabic word for uprising. Four Israelis have been slain.

Avi Diskin, a Hebrew University political scientist, says the uprising is focusing the Nov. 1 parliamentary election on how to treat the 1.5 million Palestinians and whether to trade land for peace.

"This year, for the first time, the campaign will be fought over the genuine national question: Israel's future and permanent borders," he said.

Fear

Liberals fear Israel will lose its democratic ideals if it continues ruling Palestinians without giving them equal rights. They also say, however, that giving them equal rights would threaten Israel's Jewish character.

The two major political parties — the right-wing Likud Bloc and the centre-left Labour Party — have opposite views on giving up the territories.

Labour, led by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, supports a partial withdrawal and has said Israel will have increasing difficulty controlling the Palestinians if it keeps the territories.

Likud, led by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, opposes giving up any territory. Shamir says land released by Israel would become a staging-area for attacks.

Shamir and Peres have been partners and rivals in a tenuous "national unity" coalition since indecisive elections in 1984.

Diskin said the Palestinian uprising had polarized the views of Israelis and the violence could prove a potent mixture with politics.

"There may be a lot of incidents in this campaign," he said. "In elections, emotions are much more powerful than reason and the intifada works powerfully on emotions."

Vicious circle of despair in Haiti

By Pierre-Yves Glass

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico. (AP) Haitians saw their aspirations for democracy shattered with the military ouster of civilian President Leslie Manigat in the latest example of almost uninterrupted Army rule since independence in 1804.

Lt. Gen. Henri Namphy formed a military government and declared himself president on Monday, only a few hours after easily deposing of Manigat in a coup.

The Army's latest takeover emphasised to Haitians that little has changed since they ran joyously through the streets on Feb. 7, 1986 celebrating the exile of President-for-life Jean-Claude Duvalier.

Manigat, a political scientist, was elected on Jan. 17 in fraud-riddled elections that were nevertheless the first with even a semblance of freedom in almost 30 years.

Though Manigat, 57, was accused of being a military puppet, he promised to reorganise the 7,000-man Army and use it to help develop the western hemisphere's poorest country.

Control

Last week Manigat tried to assert civilian control over the military, a rare move in Haiti which even some of his critics applauded as demonstrating that he was not under Army control.

He began on Wednesday by overruling a decision made by Namphy, military commander-in-chief, without consulting the president. On Friday, Manigat fired Namphy and put him under house arrest for insubordination.

On Sunday, when Manigat sought to transfer many of Namphy's allies to lesser posts, the Army rebelled, and returned Namphy to power.

Namphy, who presided over the three-man junta that ruled Haiti for two years between Duvalier's flight and Manigat's inauguration, quickly appointed his own cabinet and said he would rule by decree, invalidating all laws that went against his orders.

Two years earlier, Namphy had raised hopes by promising to restore democracy and hand over power to a freely elected government. He released political prisoners and said he would try to recover millions of dollars stolen by the Duvaliers, who left the country's economy and agriculture in ruins.

But his 24 months at Haiti's helm were riddled with constitutional violations, assassinations of political leaders, peasants and demonstrators, arbitrary arrests and little change in the living conditions of the hungry and homeless masses.

Killed

In June his government tried to take control of the elections, and in July his troops killed more than 100 demonstrators demanding his departure from government.

On Nov. 29, months of enthusiasm and joy at the prospect of holding the country's first genuinely free elections were shattered in a nightmarish orgy of blood and death.

While Namphy's soldiers stood by or helped, armed thugs shot and hacked to death at least 36 voters who had believed they could vote for the candidate of their choice.

The massacre terrorised Haiti's 6 million mostly illiterate and poverty-stricken people into silence and provoked outrage abroad. When asked to go to the polls again Jan. 17 in Army-supervised balloting, the most popular candidates refused to run and few Haitians bothered to vote.

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One fails to understand the reason behind the Education Ministry's approval of such an unjustified hike in school fees, which were already exorbitant. At the secondary level, for example, annual fees will be KD 1,190 plus Merit Allowance (KD 25, but may be increased). Add school transport — KD 160 and the total is KD 1,375 per year for every child. This excludes uniforms, which the school has made mandatory for students to buy at inflated prices from the institution.

With such high fees one expects facilities par excellence for the pupils. But this is not the case. The teacher-student ratio is 1:35, the playground is ridiculously small for a school with 2,000 students and there is no swimming pool, which one finds in other foreign schools charging similar fees.

We request the Education Ministry to take these facts into consideration before allowing schools to hike their fees.

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Misleading advertisement

SIR: The Kuwait English School advertisement "Children in Kuwait — June and July", recently published in newspapers, is misleading.

At first glance it appears that the school offers summer courses for a period of two months. However, a careful look at the dates makes it clear that the actual period involved is only 26 days as it starts on June 25 and ends on July 20.

After making enquiries I was told that the course is only five days a week, which again squeezes it to a mere 20 days. I feel the gap is too big between

the actual 20 days and an elusive two months.

I request the school authorities not to opt for such confusing advertisements.

Syed Manzoor Alam, Safat.

Unnecessary competition

SIR: It is painful to read about two associations of the same community organising their shows — plays or variety entertainment — on the same day.

Do the groups select the dates purely to compete with each other or are they accidentally coincidental? If the latter is the case then the dates should be reviewed and one group should hold an event on a particular date.

Several social events coincide, affecting everybody including the organisers and the invitees. Many people would like to attend such functions. When they are held on the same date, and often at the same time, it puts one in a difficult position.

A recent example is an upcoming social evening, organised by the D'Assisi Association and the Annual Summer Belle '88, to be held by the United Goans Centre

(UGC). The D'Assisi event will mark the 40th anniversary of India's independence. The Summer Belle '88 is not for any particular cause. Why can't UGC postpone their show to another date? By not competing with a fellow-community group they would be doing a service to the Goan community. To quote a proverb "Sometimes a good crutch is better than a bad foot."

Zacharias Paul Mendes, Safat.

Insulting the Holy Quran

SIR: This refers to a Kuwaiti play entitled Hada Al Sayfo, recently performed in a theatre here. I don't know what right its writer and actors have to hurt other people's feelings?

The play made a mockery of Islam, insulting the Holy Quran and our respected "mullahs."

Many countries claim that they have total freedom of religion, speech and press. But freedom never disrespects the rights or beliefs of others, and this is exactly what Al Sayfo does.

I have lived in America most of my life and I have never been

insulted for being a Muslim as I was by Al Sayfo. I wonder does America have more respect for Muslims?

If Kuwait had Western freedom I would take the writer and actors to court for staging such a repulsive play which shows disrespect for my religion: Islam

Majdi Ataya, Safat

Unruly KPTC staff

SIR: I am a regular passenger of bus Route No. 504 and annoyed with the misbehaviour of some of the KPTC staff, particularly during the change in shift.

A bus arrives regularly at about 2.05 pm at the stoppage near the Shuwaikh garage. Many KPTC staff board the bus at this time creating a nuisance with their shouts and screams, throwing bunches of keys at each other, caring the least for passengers who could get hurt by their unruly behaviour.

I request the KPTC to arrange separate staff transport buses or take disciplinary action against the misbehaviour of some of their staff to



ensure the safety of their passengers.

Shamsul Alam, Safat.

Gatting is out

SIR: It should not have taken this long for the controllers of cricket in England to decide about Gatting's dismissal. This only gave him a chance to earn a bad name for his country and himself.

Abdul Ghaffar Nasir, Safat

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First-ever visit by a Tokyo minister to the Jewish state

Japan discovers Israel

TOKYO: Japan has made a geopolitical discovery — the existence of Israel.

When Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno visits Israel this week, it will be the first time any Japanese cabinet minister has set foot there. But, in apparent continuing deference to Arab sensitivities, the Japanese government is playing down the significance of the trip.

For Japan, the flag has followed trade. After a decade of stagnation, trade between Japan and Israel more than doubled from less than \$400 million 1985 to \$800 million last year, and is growing by more than 20 per cent so far this year.

This change is especially notable for Japan, a country whose companies have been conspicuous in their observance of the Arab economic boycott of Israel.

Economic reality, rather than ideological conviction, has driven Japan's strongly pro-Arab policy. Japanese dependence on Middle Eastern oil has

boycott. American Jewish organisations have expressed concern about a spate of anti-Semitic books published since last year, a few of them best-sellers. Such books blame Jews for a variety of evils from the high yen to the Chernobyl accident.

Officially, the Foreign Ministry official declared, "It is our independent policy, although we have to (take into) account so many things." Israeli diplomats here also de-emphasize the American element behind the policy. Still, one diplomat acknowledges, "We can't deny that it is in the back of their minds. They need the American market and the American (security) umbrella."

Still, the Japanese aren't giving Uno's trip much publicity. The trip also includes Syria, Jordan, and Egypt and a possible meeting with Palestine Liberation Organisation chief Yasser

Arafat. During the visit to Israel, the official explained, Uno "will recognize, by visiting the so-called occupied territories, the current situation of the Palestinians."

Protest

Arab governments have protested the visit. "Of course Arab people resent the idea that for the first time a Japanese foreign minister visits Israel," says Toshio Yamaguchi, director-general of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's International Bureau. Arabs have conveyed dismay over the visit's timing, given the suppression of the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

But the uprising allows Japan to portray the visit as a part of an effort to promote "peaceful coexistence" between Israel and the Palestinian Arabs. "From our standpoint the timing couldn't be better," Yamaguchi said.

"The momentum of the peace process has to be kept," the Foreign Ministry official commented. "This is high time for Japan to play that role."

The government's still cautious stance is reflected in its insistence that the growth of Israel-Japan trade is a product of "purely economic" factors. It is the improvement of economic conditions in Israel and increased Japanese demand for imports, officials say, that is encouraging trade. As for the boycott, they say the government has no control over the behaviour of Japanese firms.

Contacts

What is undeniable is the upsurge in economic contacts. The Israeli Embassy here has carried a successful strategy of cultivating business ties with smaller industries outside of Tokyo. Recently a delegation of

Israeli businessmen, representing mainly high-technology and manufacturing industries, visited Japan.

For the first time, the powerful big business federation, Keidanren, hosted a seminar by the Israeli group. The turnout, about 110 Japanese businessmen including the largest trading companies who have not had much contact with Israel to date, surprised even Keidanren officials.

The Japanese expressed interest in a Keidanren spokesman said, in Israeli high technology such as computer software, electronics. According to a Keidanren member Avi Zeevi, Israeli companies are starting to enter the market in Japan. "Trade is still dominated by diamonds, high-tech manufactured products are a rapidly growing proportion of Israel's exports to Japan."

Meanwhile, more Japanese are visiting Israel. Since January, 16 delegations, from businessmen to musicians, have toured Israel, compared to only a few last year.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service.



Gurkha National Liberation Front leader Subhash Ghising addressing supporters. (Reuters wirephoto)

Gurkha unrest brings terror to Darjeeling

By Lal Kwok Kin

DARJEELING, India. (Reuters) First an explosion shattered the Darjeeling night, then two rifle shots and scream.

A home-made bomb had blown a huge hole in a government building, two men had been shot dead and a severed head left on display in a plastic bag in the local bazaar.

Darjeeling, the once-peaceful "queen of the hills station," has turned into a battleground and by all accounts the violence could increase.

Dropped

Militant Gurkhas, members of a Nepali-speaking people known around the world for their loyalty and fearlessness, are fighting for a separate homeland in the northeastern Indian tea-growing district.

More than 300 people have died in the two-year-old campaign. Hundreds have been injured and at least 2,000 buildings burned or destroyed as the

Gurkhas campaign against what they see as economic and political neglect.

Tea production has dropped and the tourist industry, the other major revenue earner, ground to a halt.

In the eye of the storm is Subhash Ghising, former Army radio operator, author of Nepali romance novels and founder and president of the eight-year-old Gurkha National Liberation Front (GNLF).

Ghising, 52, has frustrated Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and West Bengal state Marxist chief minister Jyoti Basu by alternating between offering the olive branch and the gun.

Identity

Now he has announced that a "do or die" campaign will start "at the appropriate time."

"Our ultimate aim is Gurkhaland, a separate state within India," Ghising told a Reuters correspondent who recently visited the area.

Ghising was interviewed at his

headquarters, which is guarded by youth armed with kukris, the traditional Gurkha curved short sword.

"We don't want bread or butter. We are dying for our political identity and political status," he said. "Let Darjeeling's economy go to hell. Without some suffering there can be no achievement."

Gurkhaland would cover "all of Darjeeling district and some surrounding areas, an area of 2,256 square miles (5,800 sq km)," said Ghising.

He said the front had 40,000 ex-servicemen members, half of them armed, and "hundreds of thousands" more supporters.

"We manufacture our own arms, pipeguns, improvised rifles and home-made bombs. We don't need foreign help," he said.

Some 2,000 paramilitary policemen, including some ethnic Gurkhas, have been unable to curb the violence, but the authorities believe Ghising's support is waning.

Toronto summit's political declaration West endorses approach to Moscow

By Peter Gregson

TORONTO. (Reuters) Mikhail Gorbachev rated only a passing mention in the Toronto summit's political declaration, but the reformist Soviet leader's impact on world affairs was clear throughout the carefully-worded statement.

The president and prime ministers of Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, United States and West Germany devoted more than half of their 18-paragraph political assessment to the current state of East-West relations.

In what officials said was an easily-agreed endorsement, the summit lauded Gorbachev's accomplishments on arms control and noted progress in human rights in the West's most generous and least critical assessment to date of his Soviet policy shake-up.

"In several important respects changes have taken place in relations between Western countries and the Soviet Union since we last met. For our part this evolution has come about because the industrialised democracies have been strong and united," the declaration said.

Freedom

"In the Soviet Union greater freedom and openness will offer opportunities to reduce mistrust and build confidence," said the statement, the first of two substantive documents being produced at the annual gathering.

US Assistant Secretary of State Rozanne Ridgway said: "We certainly are saying in the whole of the statement that change has occurred... a broadly improved relationship."

She added there was a new atmosphere and a changed economic situation in the Soviet Union which were favourable to the United States and its Western allies.

A senior British delegate said the summit's East-West declaration was the third leg of a triangular Western approach to international co-operation. "It confirms the strategic relations and handling of the new, Gorbachev Soviet Union already agreed by NATO and the European Economic Community," he added.

Peace

At a rare NATO summit in Brussels only three months ago, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher coupled warm praise for Gorbachev's domestic and foreign policy reforms with a

stern warning to the Western allies to beware the continuing Soviet military threat.

By contrast, the Toronto declaration was lukewarm, saying of the Soviet military buildup in the Far East and conventional force superiority in Europe: "These threats must be reduced."

It called on the United States and Soviet Union to follow up their intermediate-range nuclear missile treaty with "deep cuts" in strategic offensive arms.

Fight

"We congratulate President Reagan on what he has already accomplished, along with General Secretary Gorbachev, towards this goal," it added in the only reference to the Kremlin leader.

French officials described Monday's declaration as much more positive towards Gorbachev and on East-West relations in general than the prevailing view at the NATO summit, when there were strong reservations about Soviet intentions.

As well as East-West relations, the political declaration dealt



Mikhail Gorbachev

with two other major summit topics, international efforts to fight terrorism and drugs.

Despite what was widely seen as relatively soft language on both issues, British and US delegates in particular were very pleased at both the wording and lack of controversy in the drafting.

Discussion

France abstained on the declaration's final paragraph, supporting a US initiative to set up a multinational narcotics task force, in what was otherwise a rare example of globe-spanning consensus.

"We feel very good about it," Ridgway said. "There was a lot of discussion. There are a lot of hands and minds at work in this document."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1532 — England's King Henry VIII and France's King Francis I sign secret alliance against Holy Roman Emperor Charles V.

1650 — Peace treaty of Nuremberg is signed between Holy Roman Empire and Sweden.

1672 — Holy Roman Empire and Brandenburg sign alliance to halt extension of French power.

1722 — England's Queen Anne orders French people in Nova Scotia to take oath of allegiance to her government within one year or leave.

1724 — Treaty of Constantinople between Russia and Turkey is signed, directed against Persia to secure Erivan for the Turks.

1757 — British under Robert Clive take Plassey, after the Nawab breaks alliance, and recover Calcutta in India.

1760 — Prussian Army at Landshut in Bavaria, guarding passes into Silesia, suffers crushing defeat.

1848 — "June Days" begin in France when General Louis Cavaignac suppresses Paris workmen in an effort to close workshops and kills thousands.

1886 — Bonaparte and Orleans families are banished from France.

1934 — Saudi Arabia and Yemen sign peace treaty after six-week war.

1952 — US Air Force bombs hydroelectric plants in North Korea.

1956 — Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser is elected president of Egypt.

1970 — Japanese students clash with police in Tokyo in huge demonstration against continuing US-Japan security pact.

1977 — US House of Representatives passes \$5.7 billion Cuba, Angola or Mozambique.

1987 — Philippines President Corason Aquino calls for "People's War" against extremists of both left and right.

Bangladeshi concert

Unsuitable setting for music-cum-magic show

By Fathima Ahmed

TWO hours after the Baisakhi concert began on Tuesday at a local hotel the Bangladeshi singers seemed tired, the audience jaded. It was the first night of the concert, presented by Bangladeshi singers and musicians, and featuring a female magician.

The concert was more of an informal performance, like an impromptu show in the drawing room of some wealthy individual pretending to promote art, and not really interested in aesthetics.

To enjoy music from any part of the world, you only need to have an ear for music but that certain quality of appreciation was lacking at Tuesday night's concert, held at the Holiday Inn Hotel.

The Andalus Supper Club is a charming, romantic setting for a quiet night out but it is certainly not suitable for a music-cum-magic show. As a result, the singers were hidden behind columns, the audience peeped above the dance floor, some stood in the galleries, and



The Bangladesh Ambassador to Kuwait, K.M. Shehabuddin (second left) pictured with the singers (L-R): Solina Azad, Fakir Alamgir, Azad Rahman, Abu Zafar, Farida Parveen and illusionist Azra Javeen.

others just walked around to get a glimpse of their favourite singers.

The 22-year-old female

magician, Azra Javeen, had to perform on the dance floor, enclosed by glass panels, with the audience looking at her

from all angles. Though the illusionist had many tricks up her sleeves, she could not perform as well as she could have because of the constraints of the stage.

The quality of music was tolerable — a mixture of Indian and Bengali folk songs, but not of the calibre one expected from Bangladesh. The concert was peppered with Lalan geeti and Nazrul songs, and a song or two in Urdu and Arabic thrown in to demonstrate the versatility of the singers, who are said to be the best in their country.

Fakir Alamgir, one of the most promising folk singers,

won much applause rendering a ballad lamenting exploitation by manpower agents of Bangladeshis who want to go abroad in a number entitled "O Sakina". His other most touching melody, "Allah megh dey paani dey", was a victim's cry over the frequent floods that hit his country.

Another folk singer Farida Parveen, who has a powerful, well-modulated voice, was deluged with requests after singing popular Lalan geeti and folk songs such as "O Padma", a duet which she sang with her singer-husband Abu Zafar.

Playback singer Selina Azad and composer-lyricist-singer Azad Rahman also performed. Azad's rendition of an Arabic number was appreciated by the Arabs in the audience.

After the concert, the group leader Azad Rahman said: "Without a responsive audience it is difficult to whip up enthusiasm." This partly explained their lethargy, another reason was that the singers had arrived late Tuesday afternoon and hours later they went on an unfamiliar platform.

The audience reaction, comprising mainly Bangladeshis, was mixed. A section of the audience was disappointed — they came for modern music and were given a platter of tried and tested golden oldies. One Bangladeshi, who obviously enjoyed the concert, said: "Good old songs from back home." Others believed the music was a bit too sedate for their taste.

The concert continues nightly until Saturday at the Holiday Inn Hotel.



That's magic: milk pours out from the ears of this unsuspecting victim as Azra murmurs abra ca dabra

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
The Last Shark
Starring: James Francisco, Vicki Moro

Al Salamiya
Desperately Seeking Susan
Starring: Madonna

Al Hama
Alligator
Starring: Robert Forrester, Henry Sullivan

Drive-In
Laila Al Kabz Ala Bakaiza
Wa Zaghoul (Arabic)
Starring: Suhair Babli, Issad Yunus

Al Firdous
Jeete Hain Shaan Se (Hindi)
Starring: Mithun Chakraborthy, Mandakini

Fahadhel Open-Air
Daku Rani (Hindi)
Al Fahadhel
Nakal Shahzada

Al Jahra
Arabic film
Granada
Carry on Dick

Al Jleeb
Har Jaai



Mithun Chakraborthy stars in Jeete Hain Shaan Se, now showing at Firdous Cinema.

Ahmedi Drive-In
Al Jad'an Talatha (Arabic)

Salaikhat
Nombathu Poovu (Malayalam)

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Islamic Arts Museum
The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

Tareq Rajab Museum
The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

CINEMA

British Council
The Feature Film "The Shooting Party" will be shown at 6.30 pm on June 25 and 26, at the British Council, Mansouria. It is a charming, perceptive story about the last gasps of Edwardian Society. Approximately 96 minutes. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512; 2533204; 2533227.

SOCIAL

Kokan Variety Show
The Kokan groups in Kuwait will hold a variety show to celebrate the 40th anniversary of India's independence. It will be held on June 24, Friday, at 5.30 pm, at the IAC, Funtites. The show has been organised by the Bzame Kokan, Kokan Literary Circle, Kokan Cricketers and Kokan Fine Arts. All members and their guests are invited to attend the show.

Bangladesh Association
The Bangladesh Association, Kuwait, will hold the "installation" ceremony of its office-bearers and a cultural show on Friday, June 24, at 7 pm, at the Sharq Cooperative auditorium. All Bangladeshis are invited.

D'Astissi Association
The association will hold a social evening cum entertainment on August 11 at Messiah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena - 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909/am, 3717346 (pm), or Augustin 5746754 after 6 pm.

United Goans Centre
The UGC will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11. The committee will host a gala event to mark the 10th anniversary of UGC.

Onam Festival

The Viswabharati Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact: Lazar - 4314511; Thomas Perumppilly - 4810490 ext 207; Varghese Paradayil - 2422973.

Eid Reunion
An Eid Reunion party for Bangladeshi engineers and architects will be held at Messiah Beach Hotel, Al Amal Hall, at 7 pm on June 23. For details phone 4718157; 4311351; 3713923 after 3 pm.

HOTELS

Al the Meridian
Al Fingan Tea Lounge features a selection of coffee, tea and juice. Live entertainment in the evenings is provided. Versailles is open daily for lunch and dinner featuring Continental cuisine. Business lunch with three choices daily also offered. Live entertainment in the evening.

At the Sheraton
Arab world specialties are featured in Le Tarbouche on Thursdays; open for lunch and dinner. On Friday, the lunch and dinner buffets feature a selection of Lebanese specialties. Al Hama Roof-top Restaurant offers a special luncheon buffet on Fridays from 11 am to 4 pm.

At the Continental
The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers dinner buffet on Thursdays; the buffet lunch features Indian, Arab and Continental cuisine.

The Darbar offers an Indian buffet lunch daily except Fridays and a la carte for dinner.

SPORTS

PBAK Bowling Clinic

The Philippines Bowlers Association in Kuwait (PBAK) will hold a bowling clinic on June 24, 12 noon. Topics to be discussed are mental attitude and tools of the trade, basic techniques and approach and strategies. All bowlers are requested to register at 300 Club before Thursday, June 23. Entrance free. The PBAK will hold the officers meeting on Saturday, 7.30 pm, at Pullman Hotel. They will discuss the forthcoming PBAK inter-commercial bowling league and formation of Philippine team and other activities. For details call Sarah Macarabang, director, Tel: 4843447 or Ojie Olor, president, 5634200.

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Fajr 3.14 am
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Maghreb 6.51
Isha 8.23

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TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.25 Rahlat Haul Al Alam: cartoons
10.15 Shams Al Khareef: daily serial, with Tawfiq Abdul Hamid, Zizi Badawi.
11.00 News Summary
11.15 Ghadun Tabda Al Hayat: local serial, starring Hayat Al Fahad, Suad Abdullah, Ghanem Al Saleh.
12.00 Good Morning/News
12.15 International Circus
1.50 Fawazir Al Munasabat: featuring Yahya Fakhriani, Sabirin, Hala Fuad.
2.30 Wa Marra Al Ayyam: daily serial, Juliet Awad, Ruhi Al Safi, Susan Saleh.
3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoon serial
4.00 News Summary
4.15 The Saint: featuring Roger Moore
5.00 Liqa Al Khamis: weekly local show
7.00 Al Farooqiya Wal Zaman: prepared and presented by Mohiuddin Qudoor.
7.30 Songs and Music
7.45 Al Bahath An Al Saadah: weekly serial, starring Samir Ghanem, Hussein Mustafa.
8.30 With Islam: prepared and presented by Dr Khalid Al Madkhour.
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 From People's Art: Songs and Music
10.30 Al Fahameen: Arabic feature film, starring Kamal Shinnawi, Safiya Al Omari, Majdi Wahba, Ali Al Shareef.
12.00 Late Night Variety Show presented by Amina Al Sharah.
1.00 News Summary/Holy Quran/Closedown

FRIDAY

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Cartoons
9.30 Children's Magazine
10.15 Al Saif Al Mafkoud: children's serial, featuring Abdul Aziz Haddad, Ahmad Al Hazim, Ali Al Mufedi.
10.45 Prophet's Sayings: hadith, religious programme, presented by Dr Ahmedi Abdul Noor.
11.15 Friday Prayer from Grand Mosque
12.15 Last episode of religious serial Min Wahd Abi Dulamah.
1.00 News Summary
1.05 World News via Satellite
1.35 Songs
2.00 Preview of Next Week on KTV
2.30 Hadith Deeni: religious talk
3.30 Mard: Hindi feature film, starring Amitabh Bachchan.



The Clarks celebrate 'Father's Day' in Friday's episode of the comedy, 227, KTV2. Above: Marla Gibbs and Hal Williams in a scene from the series

Amrita Singh
5.45 Cartoons
6.15 Songs
7.00 Kuwait in a Week
7.30 A Seminar on Islamic Philosophy: "The Rights of Man." Part Two.
8.25 Kul Al Funoon: Focus on Art
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Wrestling
10.50 Naseeb: part four; Kuwaiti play, featuring Abdullah Habil, Maryam Saleh, Mohammad Jaber, Khalil Ismail. Directed by Mohammad Abdul Salaam.
11.45 News Summary
11.50 World News via Satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 She Ra: cartoons
6.30 The Mickey Mouse Club: a 30 minute show for young viewers. Today, Toby Taylor's story.
7.00 P.M. Magazine: "Celebrity Profiles." A one-hour variety show.
8.00 News in English
8.40 TV Bloopers and Practical Jokes
9.05 Spencer for Hire: Robert Ulrich plays Spencer, a private eye, who helps people sort out their troubles.
10.00 The Bill Cosby Show: Huxtable plans to buy a new car and hopes to get credit...
10.30 Late Night Movie: "Baffled" 1972. Starring: Leonard Nimoy, Susan Hampton, Vera Miles, Rachel Roberts. Contrived but enjoyable race-against-time thriller by

Theodore Apstein. Nimoy is an American race driver whose visions convince an ESP expert (Susan Hampton) that people in vision are in danger. 90 minutes.

12.00 News Summary Magazine D'Actualite Closedown

FRIDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Transformers
6.30 Out of this World: "Playing With..." Evie learns how to freeze time... and practices her skill.
7.00 Disney's Sunday Movie: "Young Again." A 40-year-old businessman wishes to return as a teenager. Will his wish be granted?
8.00 News in English
8.40 The Beauty and the Beast: "Shades of Grey." Vincent and his father are in grave danger... and are missing. Will Catherine find them in time to help them? Starring: Linda Perlmann.
9.30 227: "Father's Day." Calvin's father pays a visit...
10.00 Guinness Book of World Records
10.30 The Wiseguys: "The Blood Dance." A Latin American plots a coup in his country and asks Neil for a loan. Meanwhile, Vinnie and Neil are at odds. Starring: Ken Wahl.
11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

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Trail of hats leads to thief

JACKSONVILLE, Florida: A thief who was tracked down by police following his four-block trail of stolen hats was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

The sentence imposed recently on 27-year-old Lavon King was double the state-prescribed guideline.

Circuit Judge David C. Wiggins said King was a habitual offender with a long criminal record.

King was convicted May 24 of the March break-in of Heyman's department store.

When King and another man were spotted outside the store by police, they began running and tossing away the hats they had stolen under their shirts. A trail of 36 hats led police to King. The other man was never arrested.

Loud snoring causing marital conflicts

NEW YORK: Loud snoring is capable of causing marital conflicts — even leading to divorce — and some loud snorers can reach a volume equivalent to the amount of noise made by a motorcycle, a West German hospital study shows.

The study of about 700 patients at the ear, nose and throat clinic of the Rechts Der Isar hospital in Munich, showed that one of every seven or eight marriages is seriously threatened by snoring, says a report in the newsletter "The Week In Germany."

Warner Mang, the hospital's chief physician, said that snoring represented health problems as well as an acoustical annoyance, in that massive disturbances in the heart and circulatory system have been discovered in loud snorers.

One other finding from the study, says Mang: four times as many men snore as women.

Beauty contestant 'exposes' pageants

SAN DIEGO: A college student says she does not regret spending 18 months preparing and plotting to disrupt the Miss California pageant and exposing the "severe indignities" pageant participants suffer.

Michelle Anderson, competing as Miss Santa Cruz, pulled out a white silk banner reading "pageants hurt all women" just as the winner, Marilee Ricardo, was being announced.

"I wanted to go behind the scenes of pageants and expose the lies they promote," Anderson told a news conference. She said the message beauty pageants give women is that to be beautiful, they have to be thin, blond and young.

"Women suffer severe indignities to try to be beautiful according to these standards," said Anderson.

Anderson, 21, a junior at the University of California, Santa Cruz majoring in community studies, said she lost her Miss Santa Cruz title and a 3,000 dollar scholarship because of the protest.

Sit-down protest leads to a job

HUTCHINSON, Kansas: Bob Landecker was not going to let a little chicken pox keep him from the first day of his new job — not after what he did to get it.

Landecker was hired by radio station KSKU after he spent

the day sitting on main street with a sign that said, "I am Bob Landecker. I need a job."

Cliff Shank, who needed a programme director and afternoon announcer for KSKU, stopped by.

"Anyone who has got the gumption to do that might be someone worth looking at," Shank said.

Landecker went on the air Tuesday. "I started breaking out right before my first show," said Landecker, who worked in a secluded room.

Yoko Ono gets a hug from Carter

DENVER: Yoko Ono got an autograph and a hug when she showed up at a book-signing by Jimmy Carter at a book store here.

Carter was promoting his new book, "An Outdoor Journal: Adventures and Reflections." Ono was in Denver to open an exhibit of artwork by her late husband, John Lennon.

She approached the former president as he was preparing to leave the tattered cover book store. Ono received the autograph and the hug before making a quick exit.

In the latest of his six books, Carter writes of his lifelong relationship with nature. A devoted fisherman and hunter, he took regular trips to the wilderness while occupying the White House from 1977 to 1981.

Magnum PI makes it to the museum

NEW YORK: Thomas Magnum's naval insignia ring, Hawaiian shirt and two baseball caps will become museum pieces later this month in the Smithsonian institution's history of American entertainment collection.

The Magnum memorabilia will be presented in Washington by Tom Selleck, star of the popular television series Magnum PI which concluded this year.

But fans will have to wait to get a look at the items. A museum spokeswoman, Nicole Arena, said the Smithsonian has too much entertainment memorabilia to display at once and the Magnum items will be placed in storage.

Sleeping alligator found in factory

LAKE MARY, Florida: Dozens of workers walked past a sleeping, 7-foot (2.1m) alligator into a factory before people inside finally noticed it through a window and called for help.

"No one outside even noticed it was there," said Steve Morgan of Stromberg-Carlson Corporation, which makes telephone switching equipment in this Orlando suburb.

The alligator, who either walked from a pond nearby or from Lake Mary about two miles away, chose a flower bed next to the plant entrance for his nap. About 600 employees used an alternate entrance for about 1 1/2 hours while a state wildlife officer tried to rope the reptile.

Dayton Hudson finally roped the beast and taped its mouth shut. The alligator then was shipped to a trapper, who killed it for its meat and hide. Under state regulations, an alligator that shows no fear of humans is considered a threat and must be destroyed.

Mighty Mouse flying high

By Con Coughlin

MIGHTY MOUSE has fallen foul of the relentless campaign against drug abuse in the United States, with a media watchdog claiming the indomitable cartoon character is teaching the nation's children to sniff cocaine.

The Rev Donald Wildmon, a US version of Mary Whitehouse, who heads the Tuppelo-based American Family Association, claims he has evidence that Mighty Mouse was depicted taking cocaine during a three-second scene of an episode shown last April.

In the cartoon, called The Littlest Tramp, Mighty Mouse sniffs some crushed flowers up

his nose to revive his efforts to assist Polly — a poor but industrious flower seller.

While executives at the CBS television network insist that the cartoon is nothing more than harmless entertainment, Wildmon, a Methodist minister, insists it was cocaine and not crushed flowers that went up the nose of Mighty Mouse.

"Prior to sniffing the substance, Mighty Mouse is down in the dumps," says Wildmon. "He reaches into his cape, pulls out a substance and sniffs it through his nostrils. The next scene portrays him as normal."

"CBS must have aired the episode to show that cocaine helps one overcome feeling down."

Before making his allegations Wildmon — who organises boycotts of businesses which, he claims, sponsor sex and violence on television and in magazines — got a state narcotics officer and a university professor to view the scene.

"They were convinced it was cocaine," he says.

Now he is pressing for the dismissal of Ralph Bakshi, Mighty Mouse's animator, best known for his risqué Fritz the Cat cartoons in the 1970s, and Judy Parker, vice-president of children's programming at CBS.

CBS has hit back by accusing Wildmon of "fanciful and irresponsible misrepresentation," while Bakshi said the whole



affair "smacks of burning books and the Third Reich. I'm not going to get into who sniffs what. This is lunacy."

But there is no room for doubt as far as Wildmon is concerned. "You don't sniff a bouquet of flowers up your nostrils," he contends.

And of the possibility that it could all be an innocent mistake, he counters: "Nothing goes on TV by accident."

By Art Buchwald

OKAY, let's see if we can explain Panama as simply as possible.

Q. Who is Manuel Noriega?

A. Manuel Noriega is the top banana of a top banana republic. But we want his tail out because he's not our kind of guy.

Q. Then why is he still there?

A. Because Assistant Secretary of State Elliot Abrams, who is the top banana in charge of Central America, keeps slipping on Noriega's banana peels.

What you have to understand is that Noriega is a smart cookie even though he has been indicted for drug smuggling.

Q. I thought if the United States said someone in Central America had to go, he went.

A. So did Abrams, and apparently the White House felt the same way. But Noriega said you can't kick out a top banana unless you give him something in exchange. The United States was willing to

Viva Noriega

go so far as to offer Noriega the first draft choice of the Washington Redskins, but he got greedy and held out for more.

Q. How did we get mixed up with Noriega in the first place?

A. He was on the payroll of the CIA, and also a big honcho in the drug business. The latter pastime didn't bother the CIA as long as Noriega did his job for the agency.

Q. Why didn't we bump him off earlier?

A. Because we didn't think he'd give us any trouble when we wanted to wave goodbye. If we had known then what we know now, he would have been a marvelous part of a cement lock in the Panama Canal.

Q. Why don't we buy him off right away?

A. The US can't compete in payoffs with the money to be made from dealing dope.

Q. Besides the fact that he's a two-bit dictator, what else don't we like

about Noriega?

A. He's a know-it-all and refuses to listen to any advice the American ambassador gives him.

Q. How come we didn't know his weak points?

A. We considered him a loyal ally because he was helping us fight the Sandinistas, and therefore as an anti-Communist he couldn't do anything wrong. We would probably still be in bed with him if the US attorney in Florida hadn't indicted him.

Q. What is more important to the United States — getting someone to work for us in Nicaragua or convicting a person who is very big in the drug business?

A. It depends on whom you are working for in the US government. In the past, State would have rather helped the Contras than worry about how much cocaine was going up the noses of people in the United States. But now they've changed their

minds.

Q. Noriega can't be dumb. He played one agency off against the other and made the White House and State Department look ridiculous. How does the Administration explain it?

A. Very poorly. Elliot Abrams assured that it was a matter of days before Noriega was on a boat for Argentina.

Q. Did Abrams lie?

A. Elliot Abrams doesn't lie — well, maybe a little, but not any more than someone else in his position. The feeling here is that Abrams is incompetent.

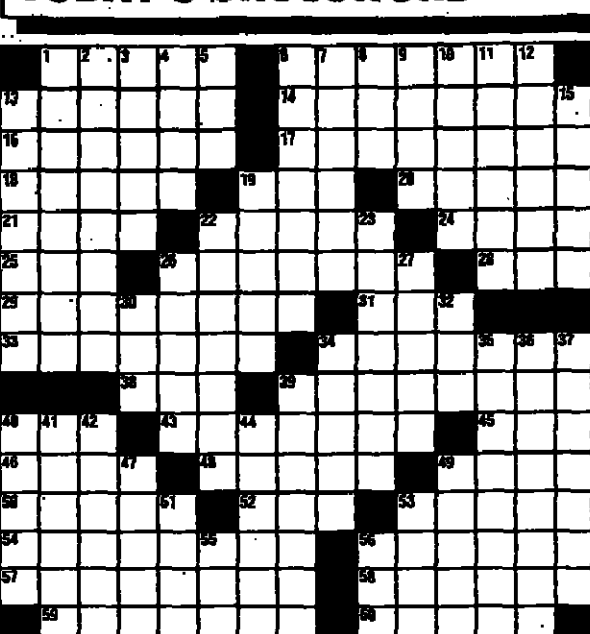
Q. If he is incompetent, why doesn't Shultz fire him?

A. When you're Secretary of State you don't fire a man just because he's doing a lousy job. You have to have a good reason.

Q. So if Abrams is running the show, how does the US get rid of Noriega, ruling out war, of course?

A. Who said anything about ruling out war? 1988, Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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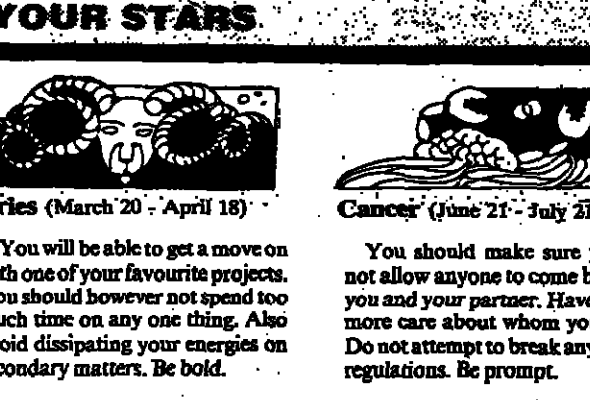
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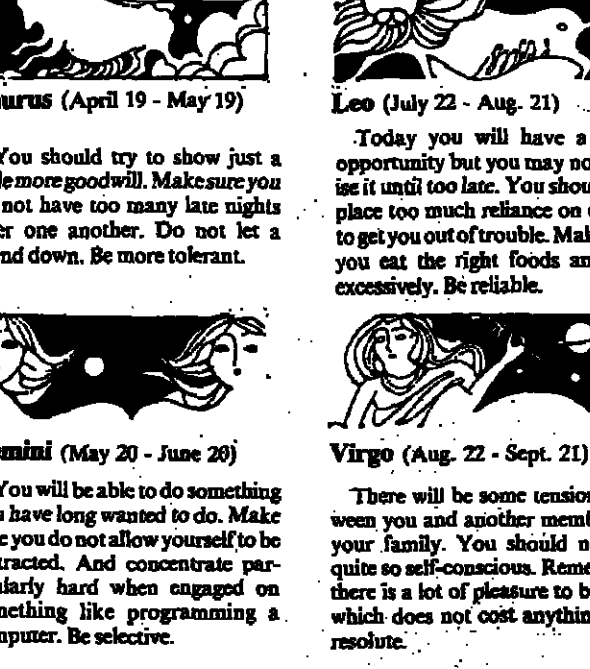
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YOUR STARS



GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

GIVE DECLARER A CHOICE

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

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♦ Q 5 3 2

♣ 7 6 4 3

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♠ K J 8 6

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EAST

♠ Q 10 9 2

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♦ K 10 7

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SOUTH

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♥ K Q 9 8 7 5 4

♦ A 6

♣ A K 8

The bidding:

South West North East

1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass

4♥ Pass Pass

Opening lead: Four of ♦

Sometimes declarer has only one way to tackle a hand. As a defender, your fate then is entirely in the lap of the gods. Once in a while, however, the defenders can influence the outcome by giving declarer a choice of lines. If he is at all human, he will go wrong at least half the time.

The auction was simple enough. When South found out that his partner had enough for a response, he bid what he expected to make even if his partner held no more than a

minimum.

The fact that North had responded one spade made West choose to lead a diamond. Declarer made his normal play of the queen from dummy, covered by the king and taken by the ace. He then used his only entry to dummy, the ace of spades, to lead a trump toward his hand. East inserted the jack, and the king lost to West's ace.

West cashed the jack of diamonds and continued the suit. Declarer ruffed, banded out the queen of hearts to pick up the ten, drew the last trump and happily conceded a club—making four-odd.

Have you spotted the defensive error? West should allow the king of trumps to win the third trick. Now declarer has a choice of lines. If he decides the cards lie as in the diagram, he will continue with the queen of trumps and make his game. But he might conclude that East started with the A-J of trumps and West with 10-6-3; in that case, the winning line would be to lead a low trump from hand to force the ace. That would result in going down one trick, and we feel that there is at least a 50 percent chance that declarer would have gone wrong!

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"Muriel, I want her out of the car."

By David Patterson

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CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the
Arab Times

Heroines fight back with fierce weapons

Screen damsels turn into she-devils

TODAY'S Indian heroines are a far cry from the traditional damsels in distress. They are becoming progressively more aggressive in order to fight the so-called tyranny of the male of the species.

Of the new crop of films, some go to the extreme — with their female dacoits. We have Sridevi playing Sberni, Amrita Singh in *Khona Bahana Ganga Mein Dimple* as Kaali Ganga. The last has been held up while the other two have had a mixed reception. Women in the role of pure dacoits don't seem to be too popular. Hence, the second group of heroines.

These women are strong and determined, with no qualms about taking on the worst specimens of Indian 'filmi' villain-dom. *Aaj Ke Angarey*, recently released, has a group of young boys and girls fighting their kidnapper. I suppose these teenagers, coming as they do from different communities, serve to promote the cause of national integration. Another film with a purpose is *Hum Dahi Laye Hein*, where Anita Kanwar leads the battle against dowry.

Excellent

An excellent heroine-oriented movie is *Waaris*, one of Smita Patil's last ones. Set in Punjab, where a land can so easily culminate in heinous crimes, the film portrays Smita as a bold widow. She takes on the villain almost single-handed.

Through great pain and sacrifice, she produces an heir to the property; then, she protects him with her life, at the same time bringing the anti-hero to a gory and gruesome end.

It was a great role for Smita; unfortunately, she died before the dubbing was completed and



Rekha: playing the vengeful female

Rekha was recruited for the job. The absence of Smita's own particular timbre renders the sound, and so, the role, somewhat artificial.

Rekha herself plays the vengeful female in Raakesh Roshan's *Khona Bahana Ganga Mein Dimple*. A gauche village maiden, Rekha is seduced and abandoned by Kabir Bedi. A kindly old man rescues her and instils in her the courage to live (shades of *Return to Eden*). Wealthy and sophis-

ticated, she returns for her violent revenge. In *Madam X*, Rekha has a double role — the old split personality routine. Rekha's other heroine-oriented movies include *Kasam Suhag Ki*, *Sheshnag*, *Auraya*.

Hema Malini is another veteran actress playing similar roles — in *Takras*, *Aazma Kar Dekho*, *Ghazav*, *Insaaf Bhavani Ka*, *Jai Kali*, etc. In the recently viewed *Mohabbat Ka Dushman*, made by Prakash Mehra and

against a Pathan background, Hema plays a teacher who is defamed by Amrish Puri. Pran teaches her to fight and, with a few others, she is able to wreak vengeance.

Theme

There are also several small films — with the same theme — being made. Armed women seem to be popular at the moment, as they ostentatiously champion women's rights. Unfortunately, the censors do not seem to share the taste of the general public.

Saat Bigham, the tale of seven girls brought together by a vendetta, went for a series of committees, tribunals and lawcourts.

Dimple for her part is thriving on such films. She stars in Raj Sippy's *Kaali Ganga*, along with Suresh Oberoi, Govinda and Anooradha.

She is also fast completing *Mera Shikhar*, which is directed by Keshu, one of the Ramsay brothers. (The latter's notoriety for their cheap, horror flicks may go towards explaining why Keshu omits Ramsay from his name.)

Dimple must have found the role meaty and certainly all-dominating. Her only co-stars are baddies like Danny, Prem Chopra and Kabir Bedi. Incidentally, Kabir Bedi is back in India, accepted no doubt because he has nothing against negative leading roles that other stars shy away from.

They regularly collect a toll

from the already impoverished villagers, 'disposing' of anyone who gets in their way. Dimple's sister dies in one such encounter. The villagers are either dumb-founded or plain cowardly. Enraged, Dimple asks them all for their weapons and, armed thus, she sets off on her grand mission.

In *Gunahon Ka Faista*, Shatrughan Sinha and Chunky help Dimple in her fight against Danny, Shakti Kapoor, Prem Chopra, Gulshan Grover and Ranjeet. The film is directed by the highly successful Shibu Mitra.

Dimple is granted carte blanche in yet another movie — *Avtar Bhogal's Zakhmi Aurat*. It has created waves in the industry and the story is being kept under wraps.

Dimple plays a police officer named Kiran (after the famous lady cop Kiran Bedi of Delhi). Men who hate her crime-busting ways corner her one day and gang-rape her. Kiran enlists the help of a lady doctor (Rama Vij) and sets out to punish rapists in general, and hers in particular, by castrating them, usually seducing them first.

This is to make men realise the extent of the torment suffered by women rape victims. These men find themselves unable to face society, to accept marriage proposals. Some even commit suicide. Dimple can be said to dominate this film too since her co-star Raj Babbar has lost his top star halo and the other roles are comparatively minor.

As usual, however, the fate of these films rests with the general public and how the groups, men and women, react to women in such important and dangerous positions.

Raj Babbar attempts to stop an aggressive Dimple in *Zakhmi Aurat*.

BEHIND THE SCREEN

Ever since Amitabh made his decision to become an actor, he has been making the tall actor-turned-politician the butt of endless criticism. In the midst of recent speculation on whether Amitabh would stand for election, Shatru suggested he first clear up the scandals related to his name. He also added that Amitabh was not working with him because of pressure from the Congress Party. But none of it, he continued, bothered him in the slightest and he would remain in the opposition.

Govinda is competing with Mithun as a dance star, both at home and abroad. He managed to send his brother's own film to the Tashkent filmfest, so that the Russians may see him for themselves, comparing him to Mithun all the while. Govinda was obviously not disturbed by the fact that it was a copied film.

Akbar Khan seems to have assumed all rights to *Panchvati*, a film on adultery made by Basu Bhattacharya and Shobha Doctor. Akbar invited the press to dinner and a private screening. He took the movie to Tashkent and sang its praises to the press on his return. All this time, the press hawk Basu was conspicuously absent. Perhaps

Akbar put up the necessary financial support for the film.

Producers of Vinod Khanna's film went to Madras to snatch at whatever shooting time they could from the star who was then engaged in Feroz Khan's *Dayavan*. They were planning to shoot nights but it turned out that Feroz was working evenings and nights too. The producers had to be content with their role of mere spectators.

Manoj Kumar is out to prove himself the ultimate patriot-filmi style, of course. For a scene in *Clerk*, he sports India's tricolour flag, in the form of a cap; Anita Raj, a skirt. The poor girl will, naturally, have to remain upright, since nobody, but nobody, sits on the national flag. Mehmood made *Kunwara Baap* for his polio-stricken son. Now, with the poor neglected boy missing, the film itself has disappeared from the scene.



Vinod Khanna (left) keeps producers waiting.



Amitabh: butt of endless criticism



Govinda (right) and brother Kirti: competing with Mithun?

Gun-toting newcomer Tina Ghai (left) and a militant Mandakini in *Deshwali*.FAMILY DOCTOR
By DR. ALLAN BRUCKHEIMLIFESTYLE CHANGES HELP
CURE DIGESTIVE DISORDERS

QUESTION: I keep getting acid spilling back from my stomach. How is it treated?

ANSWER: The term gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) refers to an entire group of digestive disorders with the symptom you describe. This acid backflow (reflux) creates a burning sensation or heartburn behind the breastbone that occurs after eating or while lying down. This burning is caused by the acid contents of the stomach flowing backward into the lower end of the esophagus (the tube leading from the mouth to the stomach) where it irritates the tissues and creates the pain.

Initial treatment of GERD is conservative. Because the condition involves gastric backflow, lifestyle changes may be the cornerstone of good therapy. Modifying the diet to exclude irritating foods like tomato or orange juice may help. Coffee frequently is named as a culprit. Decreasing or stopping smoking altogether is also helpful. Eating meals well before bedtime and elevating the head of the bed are additional good tips. When heartburn does strike, the use of antacids is appropriate.

If these measures do not provide lasting relief, medications to block acid production or surgery to "tighten" the sphincter muscles of the esophagus may be indicated.

QUESTION: Can lasers be used to unclog arteries?

ANSWER: The first reported use of a laser for this type of surgery occurred in 1984, when an argon laser fiberoptic was used to clear debris from an artery in a patient's leg in order to restore circulation and save the limb. Since then, laser angioplasty, as it is called, has become an exciting non-surgical technique for treating many conditions, such as heart disease, caused by blocked arteries.

Currently the treatment of choice for patients suffering from artery disease is balloon angioplasty. Confronted with a blood vessel clogged with fatty plaque, a surgeon inserts a balloon-tipped catheter into the canal, flattening the plaque against the vessel walls and relieving the obstruction. Initial success rate is quite high, but blockage may recur in up to 30 percent of all patients.

The use of lasers, while still experimental, offers the prospect of a better and more lasting solution because plaque is partly vaporized and because there is potentially less trauma to the underlying tissue. This is due to the fact that laser effects on tissue occur primarily from heat, not pressure.

In laser therapy, laser light, converted into thermal energy, coagulates protein at about 60 degrees Celsius, vaporizes water (which often makes up 70 per cent of the vascular tissue) at 100 degrees and disintegrates fibrous tissue at 400 degrees Celsius. Any damage to the surrounding area is in direct proportion to the amount and duration of heat. The main problem, however, is the correct "aiming" of the somewhat inflexible laser catheter. With additional research to improve both the catheters and the techniques needed to improve their ability to clear out arterial plaque with safety, this procedure could change the way physicians treat atherosclerotic disease.

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Dear Junior Readers,

The modern world is a very noisy place — everywhere we go we hear the sounds of people, traffic and machines. Even the quiet of the countryside is disturbed by the roar of aeroplanes flying overhead and cars and lorries on the motorways. It is not surprising that people get headaches, feel nervous and try to escape into the peace of 'home, sweet home'. But, when they get there, what do they find? The television, the radio, brothers and sisters squabbling, the baby crying, computer games...

It is impossible, of course, to live in silence, but a lot of the noise some people make is not at all necessary. Do we really need to shout when we are talking to somebody in the same room? Must the television be so loud that the whole street can hear it? Is it really impossible to control the noise we make in public places so that people can enjoy a quiet afternoon in the park or on the beach? The answer to all these questions is, of course, no. Being noisy is another way of being selfish, because it is like saying that we do not care if other people do not feel well, have had a hard day, want to sleep or simply just want to rest.

We should all think of others and try to make this crazy world of ours at least a little quieter.

Aunnie Jayne.

Happy birthday



Many happy returns of the day, three times over, to Fatema, Fakhri and Sakina, who will be celebrating their birthday on 24th June. Best wishes from your family and friends.

In 'Shape up' on Tuesday I found 10 squares, 9 circles, 10 triangles, 2 semi-circles, 4 octagons, 18 rectangles and 2 hexagons. How many did you find?

In Tuesday's 'Postcard puzzle' the message reads: Dear Mike, I am on the beach in Spain. It is very hot and Dad wants to go home! See you next week. Love Sam.

Solution to Tuesday's Crossword.

Across: 1 Sale, 5 Bails, 6 Prison, 7 Ant, 8 Herring, 9 Car, 11 Feeler, 12 Fewer, 13 Crab.

Down: 1 Sips, 2 Litter, 3 Can, 4 Cling, 5 Boarder, 7 Antler, 8 Haven, 10 Grab, 11 Fee.

Aesop was a Greek story-writer who lived many years ago. His 'fables', as they are known, seem like simple stories about animals, but in fact, each fable has a deeper meaning, or 'moral', which teaches us something about life.

Here are two of Aesop's fables, both about mice.

The mice meeting

ONCE upon a time a number of mice called a meeting to decide upon the best means of ridding themselves of a cat that had killed many of their relations.

Various plans were discussed and rejected, until at last a young mouse proposed that a bell should be hung round the tyrant's neck, in future, so that they would have warning of her movements and be able to escape.

The suggestion was received joyfully by nearly all, but an old mouse, who had sat silent for some time, got up and said: 'While I consider the plan to be a very clever one, and feel sure that it would prove to be quite successful if carried out, I should like to know who is going to put a bell on the cat?'

Moral: It is easier to make a suggestion than to carry it out.

The town mouse and the country mouse

ONCE upon a time a country mouse who had a friend in town invited him to pay him a visit in the country. The invitation being duly accepted, the country mouse, though plain and rough in his habits of living, opened his heart in honour of an old friend. There was not a carefully stored-up morsel that he did not bring forth out of his larder — peas and barley, cheese-parings and

Aesop's fables



nuts — hoping by quantity to make up what he feared was lacking in quality.

The town mouse, who was used to more dainty food, at first picked a bit here and a bit there, while

the host sat nibbling a blade of barley straw.

At length he exclaimed, 'How is it, my good friend, that you can endure the dullness of this life? You are living like a toad in a

hole. You can't really prefer these lonely rocks and woods to streets filled with shops and carriages and men! Believe me, you are wasting your time here. We must make the most of

life while it lasts. A mouse, you know, does not live for ever. So come with me, and I'll show you life and the town.'

These fine words were too much for the simple

country mouse, and he agreed to go with his friend to town.

It was late in the evening when the two crept into the city, and midnight before they reached the great house where the town mouse lived. Here were couches of crimson velvet, carvings in ivory, everything, in fact, that showed wealth and comfort. On the table were the remains of a splendid meal, and it was now the turn of the town mouse to play the host: he ran to and fro to supply his friend's wants, pressed dish upon dish and titbit upon titbit, as though he were waiting on a king.

The country mouse, for his part, tried to appear quite at home, and blessed the good fortune that had brought such a change in his way of life; when, in the midst of his enjoyment, as he was wondering how he could have been content with the poor food he was used to at home, suddenly the door opened and a party of ladies and gentlemen entered the room.

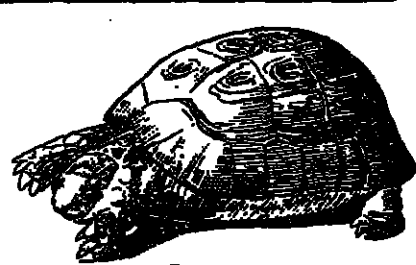
The two friends jumped from the table in the greatest fright, and hid themselves in the first corner they could reach. When the room was quiet again they ventured to creep out, but the barking of dogs drove them back in still greater terror than before.

At length, when all the household was asleep, the country mouse stole out from his hiding-place, and, bidding his host good-bye, whispered in his ear, 'My good friend, this fine mode of living may do for those who like it, but give me barley and bread in peace and security before the tastiest feast where fear and care lie in wait.'

Moral: A humble life with peace and quiet is better than a splendid one with danger and risk.

Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS

THE MEDITERRANEAN SPUR-THROATED TORTOISE (TESTUDO GRAECA) MADE UP THE BULK OF PET-SHOP TORTOISES ONCE SOLD IN BRITAIN. MOST OF THEM CAME FROM MOROCCO AND FAILED TO SURVIVE ALTHOUGH A FEW MANAGED TO ADAPT TO THE CLIMATE AND LIVE TO A RIFE OLD AGE.



Drawn by DICK MILLINGTON



THE OLDEST SPUR-THROATED TORTOISE ON RECORD WAS A SPECIMEN BELONGING TO ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM I. LAID (1773-1845) WHICH LIVED IN THE GROUNDS OF LAMBETH PALACE, LONDON, FROM 1835 TO 1783.



THE ONLY TORTOISE TO BE COMMEMORATED IN A STAINED GLASS WINDOW IS CALLED FELIX. HE WAS PURCHASED BY MISS ADA LANCE IN 1910 AND SHE STIPULATED IN HER WILL (1938) THAT HER PET SHOULD BE IMMORTALISED IN A WINDOW SHE DONATED TO HER PARISH CHURCH AT KELVEDON, SUSSEX. FELIX NOW RESIDES WITH MISS OLIVE HUNWICK.

Fruit and veg teaser

Do you know your fruit and vegetables? Look at the picture and answer the questions below.



- Which fruit gives its name to a colour?
- Name three vegetables that grow under the ground.
- Which vegetable makes you cry?
- Which vegetable can you mash, fry and bake?
- Which two fruit or veg do you most often find in salad?
- Which have pips?
- Which fruits need peeling before you eat them?
- Which vegetable has eyes?



Which feature runs in the family? Noses.

What is hundreds of feet tall and wobbles? The trifle tower.

How do you make anti-freeze? Hide her nightie.

What do you give an undernourished gnome? Elf-raising flour.

A man went to a doctor for an examination. 'You'll live to be eighty,' the doctor said.

'But I am eighty,' said the patient. 'There,' said the doctor, 'what did I tell you?'

What does a disc jockey suffer from? Spins and needles.

Why did the Spanish Armada fail? Because it didn't do enough miles to the galleon.

Who invented the fraction? Henry the 1/8th.

When the algae left the water

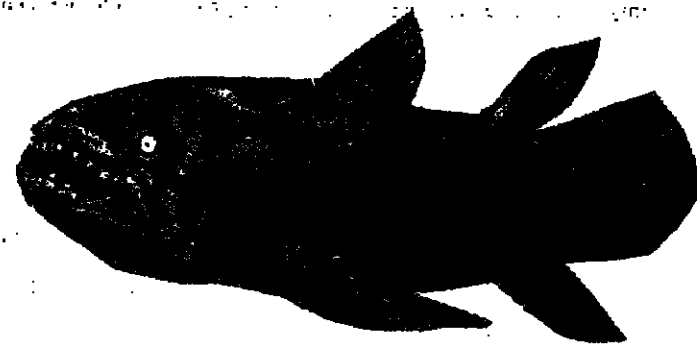
About 435 million years ago, in the Silurian Period, a great upheaval in the crust of the Earth lifted the floors of many seas out of the water. This is probably what made the sea plants transform themselves, in order to survive. For hundreds of millions of years they had gone on vegetating in the water. When the basins dried up and they found themselves out in the air, they had to change their shape and organs in order to adapt to the new surroundings.

Once started, the evolution of the plants progressed rapidly. In little more than 150 million years the simple, almost microscopic algae became the gigantic trees which formed the immense forests of the Carboniferous Period.

To survive in the open air, the plants had to modify the organs on which they depended for life. The initial transformation was rather lengthy and we know little about it in detail but, as soon as the plants had acquired the ability to use the oxygen in the Earth's atmosphere, they found that conditions were perfect for developing new forms, more and more suited to their surroundings.

The bottom of the sea is always rich in the remains of plants and animals and these form quite a fertile soil. When large areas of land emerged from the sea as the waters retreated, they were therefore already covered with a thick layer of humus, or fertilizer, and could provide the plants with the

When life began



The Coelacanth — one of the armoured fish.

ideal surroundings in which to develop. So the first land plants thrived and within 100 million years they had reached enormous proportions, forming the first forests.

When animals with backbones appeared

The arrival of the vertebrates — animals with backbones — is important because it marks the start of the development of all the higher orders of animals, up as far as man. The vertebrates, too, first appeared in the sea.

The first being with a skeleton with a backbone was probably the Aikinzooson, of which some fossil remains have been found. Its head was in one with its body and its backbone was fairly elementary. The first vertebrate fish which lived in the water were probably evolved from it.

The first fish, like the Aikinzooson, were jawless so could not chew. With their mouths permanently gaping, they were only able to swallow tiny prey.

About 400 million years ago, however, new forms of fish, with jaws and teeth, made their appearance.

Their long heads were covered with a great many bony plates, decorated with small knobs, called tubercles. Their bodies, too, were protected at the front by a bony sheath, while the tail was free.

On the whole, these animals were tiny but there were also some which were gigantic, like the Dinichthys, which measured up to 6 metres long. There were also strange-shaped armoured fish similar to turtles and crabs, like the Antiarcha.

Later, unarmoured fish also appeared, which could breathe with both their gills and their lungs. This ability proved extremely important, as it allowed some of these animals to leave the water from time to time, so becoming amphibious.

When the first land animals appeared

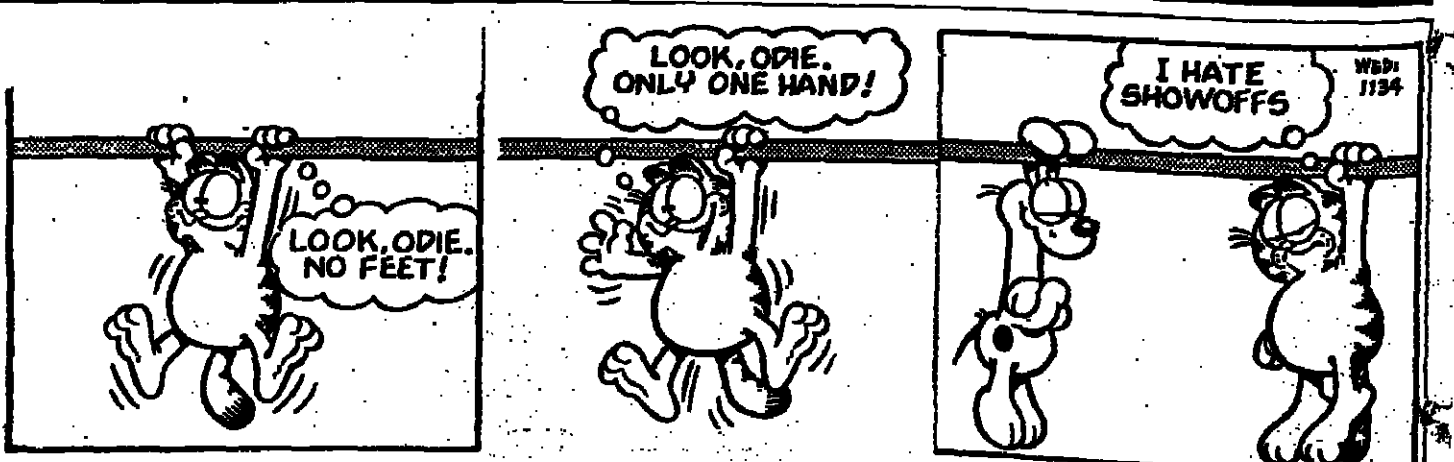
We have to wait until the Earth was invaded by the

plants to find the first traces of animals capable of living out of the water. This is natural because the plant-eaters come before the meat-eaters in the chain of life. Without the plant-eaters the meat-eaters would have no food and, before the plant-eaters must come the plants, which are their essential food.

About 400 million years ago the Earth was covered with green. Even where the ground was rocky and barren, algae and lichens had managed to squeeze into the cracks, creating a base for the development of more advanced plants. The land was eventually ready to support the first animals and provide them with food and shelter. So they came.

We know for certain, although we do not know when, that they came from the water, leaving the bottom of the sea to venture on to dry land. The first land animals were probably scorpions, spiders, cockroaches and millepedes, all descendants of the sea-scorpion and all quite similar to the modern species.

The wings of the cockroaches were the first to beat in the air. Soon other little animals learned to fly. For the most part they were small insects which were quite different from the present ones, such as the six winged Stenodictya, fossils of which have come down to us preserved in clay and loam from the Carboniferous Period. The insects were often predators, who roamed the primeval forests, hunting for other little animals.



BUSINESS & FINANCE

US had a \$22.46b budget deficit in May

WASHINGTON, June 22, (Reuters): The federal government had a \$22.46 billion budget deficit in May following a 13.89 billion April surplus which stemmed from a seasonal deluge of tax payments, the Treasury Department said yesterday.

While the May shortfall was far smaller than the \$35.57 billion deficit of May 1987, the government budget gap so far this fiscal year is running ahead of last year's pace and is nearing the deficit reduction target set by Congress.

For the first eight months of the 1988 fiscal year, which ends on September 30, the government had a \$127.49 billion shortfall compared with a \$119.88 billion deficit in the same period of the previous fiscal year.

The Reagan administration has projected a deficit of \$146.7 billion but other forecasters, including the congressional budget office, have predicted a gap of at least \$157 billion.

Six months after cabinet shake-up

Syrian economy shows signs of recovery

DAMASCUS, June 22, (Reuters): Six months after sweeping government changes and a crackdown on corruption, Syria's economy is showing its first signs of pulling out of a deep crisis.

Diplomats said a campaign by President Hafez Al Assad's new cabinet team to boost the private sector, increase oil output and reform agriculture is beginning to pay dividends.

Improving Syria went through a very difficult period... at times it was difficult for them to find enough hard currency to import some of their basic needs," said one diplomat.

"But it looks as though things are now improving."

Pro-Soviet Syria, for years a rigid, centrally-controlled economy, remains heavily dependent on foreign aid.

According to statistics compiled by the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), it is saddled with military debt to Moscow and

other Eastern bloc states totalling \$15 to 19 billion in 1986.

Deepening involvement in the Lebanese civil war and deployment of troops in Beirut is costing millions of dollars.

Diplomats said defence spending was a constant drain on the budget as President Al Assad vows to achieve strategic parity with Israel.

There are still sporadic shortages of tea and coffee on the streets of Damascus and the bankers in the Middle East have been concerned over arrears on payments to the World Bank.

But an Economics Ministry spokesman told Reuters: "Arrears to the World Bank were paid up in the last few days."

Surplus Early this year the trade surplus moved into the black for the first time in several years, oil production is rising and the wheat harvest could be five times higher than in 1987.

Diplomats say a turning point was Al Assad's decision to dismiss his government last Novem-

ber after two ministers were censured in Parliament for corruption and mismanagement.

A new team headed by Prime Minister Mahmoud Zu'bi, an agricultural engineer, launched a campaign to reform the inefficient agricultural sector and stamp out corruption.

Clamp-down Scores of officials, including some high-level bureaucrats and managers of state-run factories, have been sacked and others jailed pending trial for mismanagement and dishonesty.

The Syrian pound, one of the most obvious casualties of a protracted economic crisis, has staged a recovery on the black market and now changes hands, illegally, at 32 to 36 to the dollar compared with 45 to 55 in recent months.

A clamp-down on currency smuggling has also enabled the government to adjust its official "encouragement rate" — so-called since it is designed to encourage Syrians not to use the black market — to 20 pounds to

the dollar from 29.

Official published figures are scarce in Damascus, but a senior Syrian banker said the trade balance showed a surplus of 212 million pounds (\$18.8 million) in the first two months of the year.

Oil industry sources said oil production was expected to rise to 250,000 barrels per day from 150,000 last year, while the Omar field discovered in eastern Syria last year is due to bring another 100,000 barrels on stream in 1989.

Harvest

This year's wheat harvest is expected to yield 3.5 million tonnes after just 700,000 in 1987 following good rainfall — snow fell on the desert for the first time in 50 years — and a drive to increase the acreage under cultivation.

That will save an estimated \$200 million in scarce hard currency on imports otherwise needed to meet Syria's annual consumption of 1.5 million tonnes.

Production of barley and other cereals is expected to more than double, while another important crop, cotton, should yield more as the growing area is increased by 40 per cent.

In a bid to increase industrial output, private factories have been allowed to keep 75 per cent of their export earnings to buy spare parts and President Al Assad has directed the government to provide incentives to the private sector.

Drain

But diplomats said the major problem remained the constant drain on finances from the defence budget, estimated by the IISS at 15.5 billion pounds last year.

That is the equivalent of \$1.4 billion at the official exchange rate for government transactions and made up 37 per cent of the total budget.

Foreign aid will contribute little to financing of this year's planned 50-billion-pound (\$4.4-billion) total budget expenditure.

World Business Summary

EEC proposes more tariff cuts for developing countries

BRUSSELS, June 22, (Reuters): The European Community today proposed new tariff cuts for developing countries in EEC markets in 1989. The EEC's General System of Preferences (GSP), to apply to goods worth 25 billion European currency units (\$29 billion) — nine per cent more than in 1988. Such privileges would cost the Community almost \$1 billion in lost customs duties on industrial and agricultural products. The amount which can enter duty-free varies according to the country and product involved. "The Community considers preferential access to the EEC market as an essential element in its development strategy," the statement said.

But the Commission proposed that South Korea's GSP privileges remain suspended because of EEC complaints over the lack of copyright protection for European companies there. The Commission proposals, which must be ratified by the 12 EEC governments, include ending the privileges for some countries which had shown that they could compete by winning more than 20 per cent of the world market in specific products. Those items range from Libyan mechanical clocks from Libya, Hong Kong. The list of agricultural products, which enjoy reduced tariffs, rather than complete duty-free access, is extended to include such tobacco products, papaya chutney and mushrooms.

Government sacks president of Brazilian oil company

BRASILIA, Brazil, June 22, (AP): The government sacked the president of the state oil company Petrobras, the presidential palace announced. Ricardo Pedreira, spokesman for President Jose Sarney, yesterday would not give the reason for firing Luiz Silva. But sources in the palace cited his recent criticism of government economic policy, particularly a two-year wage freeze for federal employees. It was the second dismissal in 10 days of a high-ranking official who criticised the wage policy. Late last week, Sarney fired the Armed Forces Chief of Staff, Gen. Paulo Roberto Camargos, for criticising the wage freeze. Silva was quoted in the newspaper Folha de Sao Paulo as saying: "The wage freeze is a disaster. It concerns us all. It is a source of chaos." Petrobras has 55,000 employees. The measure was part of an austerity plan to help reduce inflation and meet the International Monetary Fund's conditions for rescheduling Brazil's \$121-billion foreign debt. While salaries have been frozen for about 2 million federal employees, the cost of living has risen nearly 40 per cent. Judges of the Superior Labour Court voted 10 to 3 on Monday saying the action was unconstitutional because it discriminated among workers. Silva had said a measure should not have been applied to Petrobras, a company that has a monopoly on oil production and refining, and about 60 per cent of the nation's oil requirements.

Suharto approves Subroto's appointment as OPEC chief

JAKARTA, June 22, (OPECNA): Indonesian President Suharto on Monday gave his "approval and blessings" to the appointment of Dr Subroto, former minister of mines and energy, as the new OPEC secretary-general. "This is a great honour and I am aware of the weight of my responsibility," Subroto said, after a meeting with the president here. He said the most serious challenge he would have to face was how to preserve, consolidate and enhance unity and solidarity among OPEC member countries. OPEC's unity was affected by factors such as the Gulf conflict, differences of views among member countries on technical matters and the current oversupply of oil on the world market, he said. He said as secretary-general he would work to lessen tensions and differences in points of view among OPEC members. "A strong OPEC will be beneficial for all its members, including Indonesia," he added. Subroto, who was unanimously appointed secretary-general by the 83rd meeting of the OPEC conference earlier this month, is scheduled to take up his post on July 1.

Brazil considers pact with banks on foreign debt over

BRASILIA, Brazil, June 22, (AP): Brazil considers negotiations with international bankers on repaying interest on its huge foreign debt concluded and will receive \$5.2 billion in new money, Finance Minister Malhada Nobrega announced yesterday. Da Nobrega called a new conference yesterday afternoon to announce that on Brazil's part, the lengthy talks with private bankers in New York on its foreign debt moratorium are over. In New York the spokesman for the bank committee negotiating with Brazil had gone home for the day when Da Nobrega's statement became known. "We have concluded all points of the accord," the minister said. "Brazil is satisfied with the agreement. It is the best accord reached so far with bankers." He said the agreement had not yet been signed and that a simultaneous communiqué would be issued in New York and Brazil within the next two days. Da Nobrega said that the exact amount each bank could give Brazil has still to be worked out among the country's 700 creditor banks. But he said Brazil is not involved in that detail of the accord. Finance Ministry representatives and a committee of banks representing Brazil's creditors have been negotiating for months on an accord that would satisfy all parties.

US investment firm votes shares in favour of Texaco management

NEW YORK, June 22, (AP): The investment firm Kohlberg, Kravis and Roberts Co. said yesterday it voted with Texaco Inc.'s management in a proxy fight with Carl C. Icahn, a severe blow to the financier's prediction to win five seats on the board. Texaco managers had predicted they would be victorious in the proxy vote at the annual meeting on Friday, although the vote had not been tallied. Icahn had said the race was too close to call, but he also told reporters he thought he would lose the vote if Kohlberg Kravis had voted with management. Several large institutional investors had said previously that they voted in favour of management. The actual outcome of the balloting is not expected to be known for a few weeks, because it will take time to sort out and count the votes representing 243 million shares. Kohlberg Kravis also confirmed that it had sold its 4.9 per cent stake in Texaco before the vote. However, it was able to cast the votes representing 12 million shares because it owned them on the date of record for the shareholder vote.

More rural Irania from clean drinking water

TEHRAN, June 22, (OPECNA): Over 60 per cent of Iran's rural population is now benefiting from clean drinking water, double the number recorded almost a decade ago, according to Construction Minister Bijan Namdar Zangeneh. Speaking here to mark "construction week," the minister said Iran had also supplied some eight billion cu. metres of water to 800,000 hectares of farmland since 1979, despite the problems associated with the country's dry climate. Around 800,000 tons of wheat would be produced in the current year through "dry" farming, he said, while 90,000 hectares of land was due to undergo fodder cultivation. Highlighting Iran's progress over the past nine years, Zangeneh said that up to last March, 40,000 km of rural roads had been built in the country compared with just 8,000 km before 1979. Around 2.70 million rural families were receiving power from the national electricity grid, an increase of 45 per cent over the same figure nine years ago, he added. The Construction Ministry also plans to build seven fishing ports in the south of the country following last year's purchase of 28 trawlers.

Largest monthly drop since August last year

US durable goods orders unexpectedly fell 2.2pc in May

WASHINGTON, June 22, (Reuters): US orders for expensive, manufactured goods unexpectedly fell 2.2 per cent in May after a 1.8 per cent increase in April, the Commerce Department said today.

It was the largest monthly drop in orders since August last year and was due mostly to a big decline in aircraft orders, the department said.

Surprise The fall in orders was a surprise. Economists had anticipated a sizeable increase in orders for durable goods, expensive items designed to last at least three years, such as appliances, cars and business equipment.

Economists had expected about a 1.3 per cent gain. Forecasts had ranged from a 0.5 per cent rise to a 2.5 per cent fall. The May decline was a seasonally adjusted \$2.61 billion and brought orders to a total \$114.76 billion, the department said.

Excluding defence, the orders in May fell 0.9 per cent to \$106.43 billion.

The May drop was the first decline in orders this year and the largest since a 2.3 per cent fall last August.

Despite the fall, orders were 7.5 per cent above the May 1987 level of \$106.75 billion.

The decrease was mostly due to a nine per cent drop in transportation, equipment orders, which department officials attributed to a large decrease in aircraft orders.

Slowed Excluding the drop in aircraft orders, officials said overall durable goods orders would have risen 0.6 per cent in May.

Orders for cars, which had been working that the US economy was overheating and threatening a resurgence in inflation, were encouraging by the May fall in durable goods orders.

Bond prices rose after the Commerce Department report.

Treasury Secretary James Baker said he does not see the US inflation rate this year rising above the administration's forecast of about 4.4 per cent.

Meanwhile, US consumer prices increased slowly in May for the second consecutive month as an earlier surge in clothing prices came to an abrupt halt and food price rises moderated, the government said yesterday.

Economists said the drought which is plaguing Midwestern farm regions has had little impact on consumer prices so far.

The consumer price index, the government's most widely used measure of inflation, rose a seasonally adjusted 0.3 per cent in May after gains of 0.4 per cent in April and 0.5 per cent in March, the Labour Department said.

For the first five months of

1988, prices rose at a 4.4 per cent annual rate, identical to the advance of all of 1987, the department said. In the 12 months ended in May, they rose 3.9 per cent, it said.

Easing Although the report pointed to an easing of inflation worries, reacted with only minor increases in bonds, stocks and the dollar after some delay.

The slower pace of price rises partly reflects a trend by consumers to shun costly items, economists said.

"There's some moderation in this report," said Donald Ratajczak, director of the Georgia State University Centre for Economic Forecasting.

"It continues to show that regardless of what's happening with import prices, or even what's happening down on the farm, the consumer only has tolerance for so much," Ratajczak said.

A major reason for the smaller overall rise in prices in May was that clothing prices were unchanged after posting record gains in the two previous months, the department said.

Earlier clothing price increases, which reflected the spring line of women's fashions and the higher cost of buying imported goods with weaker dollars, met consumer resistance and will probably be rolled back, economists said.

Food and beverage prices rose only 0.4 per cent in May after a 0.6 per cent gain in April as advances slowed significantly for most staples, such as meat, poultry, fish, cereal, fruit and vegetables, the department said.

Magnitude The full impact of the drought that is expected to hit the Midwest has yet to be fully felt at the supermarket, economists said. "It takes time for some of

those increases to filter through," said economist Kathryn Kobe of the Joel Popkin and Co. forecasting firm in Washington.

"But you won't see the same magnitude of increases at the consumer level that you do at the farm level," she said.

Although the drought has already sent some farm prices soaring and might continue to do so, economists said its impact on consumers would be cushioned since the bulk of grocery store food prices reflected other costs, such as transportation, packaging and profit margins.

"Only 30 per cent of the food bill at the grocery store is generated by farm prices," said Ratajczak.

Over the next few months, he said, the impact of the drought on food prices will be felt more by ranchers, pressed by higher food prices, send their cattle to market early.

Oman to set up first stock market

BAHRAIN, June 22, (Reuters): Oman has issued a royal decree to set up its first stock market, giving the long-awaited go-ahead to a scheme designed to boost private business.

Bankers in Muscat said decree 53/88, issued last yesterday by Sultan Qaboos Bin Said, would trigger detailed work on creating a market, but it could be a year before trading began.

"Practical details still have to be worked out, but the scheme is now moving forward," said one banker.

Gulf states have been pressing ahead with plans to foster the role of private business and diversify their economies from overdependence on oil at a time of weak world prices.

The Bahrain government, after nearly two years of prepara-

US drought fears boost European grain prices

LONDON, June 22, (Reuters): European grain prices are rising on the prospect of increased exports as a severe drought continues to scar America's Midwest grain belt.

If US and Canadian grain crops fall dramatically in key growing areas, the European Economic Community will have a prime chance to dispose of its surplus mountain of grain, traders said.

Trend Several traders, however, were wary of the worldwide trend which took corn prices to four-year highs in Chicago this week, saying there were no hard statistics on the extent of US crop losses.

They said the price increases here had been fuelled more by market speculation than by the assumption the United States might not be able to fulfill its export commitments.

"What you see in futures at the moment is purely weather — it's just excitement, not demand," one Geneva trader said.

September new crop wheat futures closed yesterday in London at £110 (\$195) and barley at £104 (\$184) per tonne, compared with £101 (\$179) and £99 (\$175) respectively at the start of May.

Prices slipped slightly today as investors sold to take profits but dealers said the price trend was generally upwards.

"The role of the market is to anticipate. But nobody can come up with any numbers yet (on crop losses)," a trader said. In Chicago, traders expected prices to continue surging as long as the drought continued. Soybean prices are at their highest since 1977.

"It looks like the spring wheat crop is going to be an utter and total disaster," said Gail Martell,

chief meteorologist with Shearson Lehman Hutton in Milwaukee.

But several analysts pointed out that any crop failure across the farm belt would be cushioned by big US grain stocks.

Significant US Treasury Secretary James Baker tried yesterday to soothe jittery markets by saying that rising food prices would fuel inflation.

"There will be, particularly if the drought continues, some increase in food prices, but it is not going to be such that it will result in a significant increase in overall inflation in the United States," he said on US television.

Despite a lack of crop damage assessments, European shippers and dealers have placed orders for British grain on prospects of increased exports during the 1988/89 season starting July 1, London dealers said.

At higher world prices, the

Africa seeks more say in solving its economic problems

NAIROBI, June 22, (Reuters): A prescription by the world's wealthy nations to ease the debt of their poorest brings a welcome breath for sub-Saharan countries battling to revive battered economies.

But Africa wants more say in efforts to solve its problems.

Drew up Even as leading industrial nations drew up the communiqué for the Toronto summit, Africa's top spokesman urged industrial nations to support a proposed international conference next year on the continent's \$220 billion debt.

"Africa has always tried to make creditor countries and financial institutions understand that the debt problem and its solution must be considered a collective responsibility," said Organisation of African Unity (OAU) chairman Moussa Traore.

The West has been cool towards Africa's wishes for a general conference of lenders and borrowers, preferring to deal with African governments one at a time. Traore, President of Mali, made his appeal in a letter to Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, host of the Toronto summit which also brought

together the leaders of Britain, France, Italy, Japan, the United States and West Germany.

The letter, sent before the summit ended, was made public in Mali yesterday. "The debt crisis will only be strangled by adopting a global and equitable approach," Traore declared.

The summit agreed on a 'menu' of options which could be used to reduce the burden of the poorest nations needing to reschedule their debt with the Paris Club of official creditors.

It offered cuts in interest rates usually on shorter maturities, longer repayment periods at commercial rates or write-offs of some debt.

Urged

The communiqué, projecting a sense of urgency, said the Paris Club has been urged to resolve outstanding technicalities by the end of this year at the latest.

It did not name countries that could benefit, or say by how much. Earlier, French Finance Minister Pierre Bérégovoy said 20 sub-Saharan nations would initially be eligible for relief, and 10 other countries might be added later.

These are: (with per capita income where available, in dollars at the end of 1985, the latest published by the World Bank). Benin (260), the Comoros (240), Equatorial Guinea, Gambia (230), Ghana (380), Guinea-Bissau (180), Liberia (470), Madagascar (240), Mali (150), Mauritania (420), Mozambique (160), Niger (250), Sao Tome and Principe (320), Senegal (370), Sierra Leone (350), Somalia (280), Sudan (300), Tanzania (290), Togo (230), Uganda, Zaïre (170) and Zambia (390).

On June 11th, 1988, a contract was signed by Mr Hussain Ali Fayed Al Khalifa, Chairman of Al Khalidya Co-operative Society and Mr Jassim Al Kout representing the Card Services Division of the National Bank of Kuwait, to accept the Diners Club Card at Al Khalidya Co-operative Society.

This service enhances NBK's determination to deliver the best services to its customers and is just one step towards increasing the acceptance of the Diners Club Card throughout Kuwait, as the Diners Club Card is already accepted at more than 1,300 establishments around Kuwait.

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ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.70	1.70	JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.56 2.55
ARAB BANK	114.0	114.0	JOR PAPER CARDBRDG	3.03 3.07
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	3.95	3.96	JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.37 2.37
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.38	1.38	JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.18 1.18
ARAB INSURANCE	1.05	1.00	JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00 2.15
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ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---	JOR. PETROLIT REF	7.32 7.30
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65	JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.20 5.30
BANK OF JORDAN	15.30	15.50	JOR. INV. FIN. CORP.	1.95 1.95
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95	JORDAN DFL REAL	0.32 0.32
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DAL AL SHAER PRESS	0.68	0.61	JORDAN GULF BANK.	1.22 1.22
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	1.50	1.50	JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94 0.95
DARCO/INDUSTRIAL	0.49	0.48	JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85 13.98
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.59	0.59	JORDAN ISLAMIC BNK	1.80 1.78
GARAGE OWNERS OF	3.65	3.70	JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.47 1.47
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63	JORDAN TANNING	2.00 2.00
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.27	1.27	LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.77 0.77
GENERAL MNGNG.	1.75	1.75	MACH/ENG/RENT/MAIN	0.81 0.80
HIMEN MINERAL	1.35	1.30	MS INDUSTRIES	0.69 0.73
HOLY LAND INS.	1.35	1.30	MODEL EAST HOTEL	0.60 0.60
IND./MATCH JEMCO	0.60	0.65	MODEL EAST INS.	60.00 60.00
INDSTR. DEVLPT BNK	1.53	1.51	MODEL EAST SEC.	0.60 0.55
INDSTR./COMM/AGR.	1.27	1.27	NAT. FIN. INVESTCH	1.81 1.82
INDUSTRIAL INDSTR.	0.75	0.75	NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.00 0.99
INTERN.COM/INV	0.25	0.24	NAT/CABLE/WIRE/MF	1.00 0.99
IRABID ELECTRICITY	0.96	0.93	NAT/CABLE/ALPHA INS	1.24 1.23
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.38 0.38
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	1.25	1.24	NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.74 0.73
J. TOUR-SUP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80	NATIONAL STEEL	2.27 2.26
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.21	ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.65 0.68
JOR. TOBACCO/CIANET	14.10	15.05	PETRA BANK	1.92 2.00
JOR. CERAMIC FACTOR	25.01	25.05	PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35 0.35
JOR EAGLE INS.	1.51	1.51	PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.85 0.86
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	0.95	0.92	RAFIA INDUSTRIAL	0.80 0.80
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	0.99	0.99	REAL ESTATE INV.	0.41 0.41
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	2.50	2.30	SPINNING TWES	0.87 0.87
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	1.57	1.62	SPINNING METRIC	0.90 0.90
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.20	1.20	THE HOUSING BANK	1.74 1.80
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20	UNITED INSURANCE	0.95 0.94
			UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	1.54 1.48
			UNIVERSAL INS.	1.19 1.23
			WALDEN INDUSTRIES	0.70 0.70
			YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.10 1.10

Currency rates

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	27693	27841
Sterling	49286	49613
D.M	15703	15814
S. fr	18916	19056
F. fr	04654	04690
L. ira	0002115	0002153
Jap. yen	0021686	0021853
Bh. dinar	73446	73879
U.A.E dir	075339	07582
S. riyal	073380	07426
Q. riyal	07605	07652
C. riyal	71902	72309

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-3/8	6-13/16
3 months	6-3/8	6-3/4
6 months	6-5/16	6-11/16
1 year	6-5/16	6-11/16

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR				BC-A	85.00	88.00	84.00
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	.45	.46	.45
AC-A	9.40	9.50	9.40	LC-B	.47	.48	.46
ANS	3.75	3.85	3.70	PK-A	.41	.42	.41
FER-A	3.50	3.55	3.50	PK-B	.42	.43	.43
PLT	36.50	37.00	36.50	OIL SECTOR			
PLDT	185.00	186.00	185.00	RP-A	.023	.024	.024
KPSI-A	1.94	2.08	2.00	RP-B	.023	.024	.025
SNC-A	149.00	150.00	150.00	LRC-A	.003	.0032	.0032
SHC-B	204.00	205.00	203.00	LRC-B	.003	.0034	.0032
MINING SECTOR				OPM-A	.04	.041	.041
APX-A	.044	.045	.044	OPM-B	.041	.043	
APX-B	.045	.046	.044	OV-A	.038	.039	.038
AT-A	23.00	23.25	22.00	OV-B	.039	.04	.039

-UNTD POULTRY	0.228	---
-KWT FOODS	0.290	0.28

KD deposit rates jump in short dates

SHORT-DATED Kuwaiti

The government bills, for yesterday's settlement, were allotted for KD100 million at an average price at 98.407 to give a discount yield of 6.39 per cent.

The Central Bank adjusted its dinar exchange rate three times to account for the dollar's rise on international currency markets from 0.27762 72 to the dollar to 0.27772 82 and finally 0.27782 92.

Takati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION				
SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
COMM. IND.	1,037,940	15,372,155	872.59	1.32 UP
MINING	109,601,450	8,125,150	5,817.96	103.25 UP
OIL	264,000,000	6,242,850	6,655	6.138 UP
TOTAL	356,739,360	27,840,135	887.08	11.30 UP

PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR									
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	DE-A	84.50	87.00	86.00		
SHS-B	149.00	150.00	150.00	DE-B	94.00	98.00	98.00		
SHS-C	204.00	206.00	205.00	LC-A	.45	.46	.45		
SO-TIRE	30.50	31.00	30.50	LC-B	.47	.48	.46		
PLOT	185.00	186.00	184.00	ZIP	.013	.014	.014		
ANSOCR	3.80	3.85	3.75	OIL SECTOR					
AC-A	9.30	9.40	9.40	STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN		
GLO	36.50	37.00	37.00	BP-A	.023	.024	.024		
PER-A	3.55		3.55	BP-B	.028	.025	.025		
PER-B	3.55	3.60	3.55	LRC-A	.0032	.0034	.0032		
				LRC-B	.0032	.0034	.0032		
MINING SECTOR									
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	OW-A	.041	.042	.042		
SHS	.044	.045	.044	OW-B	.042	.043	.042		
APX-B	.045	.046	.045	OW-A	.038	.039	.037		
AT-A	23.25	23.25	21.75	OW-B	.038	.39	.058		
AT-B	25.00	26.00	25.00	TA	.025	.026	.025		

Kenya Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION		VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	SHARES			UP 6.61
MINING	..1,324,535	32,268,280	873.17	UP 219.95
OILS	467,675,850	29,074,840	5,246.44	UP 0.137
TOTAL	418,350,000	8,189,520	7.091	UP 18.68
	887,350,385	69,532,640	879.31	

SINGAPORE

NAME	LAST	PR	CL	CSI	129	127	LEONGHURAT	179	179
	200	200		GUINNESS	299	295	M UTD ID	173	168
LIJIMOMOTO	180	180		GULA	---	28.5	M UTD MFG	79	74
ALEXANDRA	180	180		H L IND.	147	144	N'SHITA	620	620
AMAL LIM	83	83		H TAI PAN	64	65	N'WATA	63	64
BLMS HDLGS	160	160		HARIMAU	106	105	NAGSUN	240	232
							NALSKY, IND	280	280

147	144	HAW PAR	384	338	N
170	170	HEXZA	95	93	N
201	201	HEXZA BTO	13	13	N

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Singapore Stock Market Report

SINGAPORE STOCKS CLOSED HIGHER ON BARGAIN HUNTING SINGAPORE, JUNE 22. REUTER - SHARE PRICES RECOVERED FROM YESTERDAY'S MODERATE LOSSES AND CLOSED HIGHER ACROSS THE BOARD ON SPECULATIVE BUYING AND BARGAIN HUNTING, DEALERS SAID. THEY SAID SPORADIC PROFIT-TAKING WAS WELL-ABSORBED.

THE STRAITS TIMES INDUSTRIAL INDEX ROSE 13.92 TO 1,071.99 AFTER A 9.71-POINT GAIN AT MIDDAY. RISES OUTNUMBERED FALLS 172 TO 17. TRADING WAS ACTIVE AND TOTAL TURNOVER SMELLED TO 61.3 MLN SHARES FROM YESTERDAY'S 46.8 MLN.

BROKERS SAID BUYING SUPPORT EXTENDED INTO THE AFTERNOON WITH MALAYSIAN SPECULATIVE ISSUES AND PLANTATION STOCKS MOST ACTIVELY TRADED. BLUE CHIPS ALSO DREW SUPPORT.

ZÜRICH

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	NESTLE PS	1340	1333
BALOR PDGS	12950	12900	OE BUEHR I	1150	1141
BAOTE NBS	2035	2025	OE BUEHR N	252.0	248.00
BBC I A	2340	2330	OE BUEHR P	274.0	264.00
BK LBU I	2675	2700	ROCHE BABY	11975	11600
BK LBU N	2450	2450	ROCHE I	86500	83000
BK LBU PS	435	430	RUECKVER I	13400	13300
CFV	0	1110	RUECKVER M	6000	6000
CIB GETG I	3400	3300	RUECKVER P	2000	1960
CIB GETG M	1565	1515	KY TR BK	1250	1250
CIB GETG P	2265	2185	S BAKGSL I	3195	3170
CKW	1215	1215	S BAKGSL N	590	590
CRED SUJ I	2530	2485	S BAKGSL P	117.00	117.50
CRED SUJ N	470	465	S BAKVRN I	356	354
EG LAUFEN	1800	1800	S BAKVRN M	279.00	278.00
ELEKTROMAT	3050	2980	S BAKVRN P	299.00	298.00
EMS CHEN I	3675	3590	SAMOG I	1280	1280
EMS CHEN P	0	0	SAMOG N	5140	5050
GLOBUS I	7700	7650	SAMOG PS	1995	1970
GLOBUS M	6700	6900	SULZER N	5225	5250
GLOBUS PS	1250	1250	SULZER PS	470	457
JACOBS I	7700	7700	SVB	1750	1740
JACOBS S N	1300	1300	SWISSAIR	1160	1130
JACOBS S P	625	630	SWISSAIR N	980	955
JELN I	2605	2625	W THUR I	5450	5475
JELN PS	379	372	W THUR N	2550	2550
LANDIS N	1205	1190	ZURICH I	680	677
LANDIS PS	112.00	110.00	ZURICH I	5925	5900
NERCK I	810	802	ZURICH N	2510	2520
			ZURICH PS	1860	1830

Kuwait's investment abroad stands at about \$95b

KUWAIT, June 22, (AP)—Kuwait's surplus petrodollars invested abroad stood at about \$95 billion at the end of 1987, according to the annual report of the Kuwait Stock Exchange released yesterday.

The stock market's director-general, Hesham Al Oteiba, said that Kuwait's income from foreign investments formed 60 per cent of the country's revenues reported in the oil sector.

Revenues

He did not give figures, but said that Kuwait's oil income in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1988 amounted to \$6.11 billion. The oil revenues accounted for 86 per cent of the country's national income, he said.

"The country's surpluses are split into two parts, namely the general state reserve which amount to \$45 billion and the future generations fund which now includes \$50 billion," Al Oteiba said.

The fund is a facility to which 10 per cent of the country's oil income is added every year with the aim of enabling the posterity to lead a good life in case oil, the backbone of the economy, runs out.

The report said that 35 per cent of Kuwait's foreign investments are in the United States, and the rest is distributed over a wide geographical area in Europe and Southeast Asia.

It said that in addition to Britain, West Germany, France, Switzerland and Holland, Kuwait is now tapping the Spanish market where it has already channelled \$2.5 billion.

The report described the London-based Kuwait Investment Office, an arm of the Kuwaiti Finance Ministry, as "one of the most active financial institutions in the KIO."

The KIO is coming under fire in the United Kingdom for not paying taxes to the British government and for its acquisition of a 22 per cent stake in the giant oil firm, British Petroleum.

Outcry

Following the outcry in the United Kingdom over the KIO's activities, the Kuwaiti Finance Minister, Jassim Al Khoraifi, has set up a three-member panel to reappraise the investment policies of the public investment authority and its subsidiary, the KIO. The panel is reportedly in London for a first-hand assessment of the KIO's projects.

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HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
C N TUNNEL	17.60	18.30
CHEUNG K	7.90	7.80
CHINA GAS	18.20	18.10
CHINA L-P	18.00	18.10
CHINA MOTR	24.90	24.40
COSMO PROP	4.10	4.10
EVERGOLD	1.56	.57
FR EAST C	.91	.91
GEN ORIENT	0	44.00
H S DEVELOP	9.35	9.25
H S INDEX	703.74	683.65
HANG LUNG	5.75	5.75
HANG SENG	28.10	28.00
HAW PAR BR	0	21.00
HK ELEC CO	7.45	7.45
HK KOMLOON	7.90	7.85
HK LAND CO	7.75	7.75
NK SHAN SK	6.25	6.30
NK SHAN HT	5.15	5.00
NK TELE CO	7.20	7.20
RUICH UNAM	9.30	9.15
IND EQ PAC	13.00	12.60
JARDINE N	13.30	12.90
KOMLOON N	9.70	9.85
NEW WORLD	11.70	11.80
PAUL Y CON	3.07	2.85
REALTY DEV	6.45	6.45
S H K CO	2.52	2.47
S H K PROP	12.00	11.90
SINE DARBY	1.82	1.78
STELLUX MFG	2.90	2.72
SHIRE PAC	18.20	17.90
Y V B CO	13.70	13.50
TAI CHEUNG	4.10	4.07
UNION BANK	1.68	1.68
MLOCK HARD	0	7.25
MLOCK MARI	0	1.15

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE LOWER IN MODERATE TRADE

TOKYO, JUNE 22, REUTER - SHARE PRICES FELL ON PROFIT-TAKING IN MODERATELY ACTIVE TRADE, AFTER RISING SHARPLY IN THE MORNING SESSION DUE TO WALL STREET'S RALLY ON TUESDAY AND NEWS OF A SMALLER-THAN-EXPECTED MAY INCREASE IN THE U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, BROKERS SAID.

THE NIKKEI INDEX FELL 64.79 POINTS, OR 0.23 PCT, TO 27,860.78, AFTER A MORNING HIGH OF 28,199.96. ON TUESDAY IT DROPPED 215.46 POINTS TO CLOSE AT 27,925.57.

VOLUME WAS 1.2 BILLION SHARES AGAINST TUESDAY'S 1.1 BILLION.

GENERAL MACHINERY, ELECTRICALS, PRECISION INSTRUMENTS, WAREHOUSES, AND NON-LIFE INSURANCE ISSUES WERE UP, WHILE SECURITIES, REAL ESTATE, RETAILS, BANKS AND SHIPBUILDING STOCKS EASED.

BROKERS SAID THEY FEARED THAT THE NIKKEI INDEX WAS CLOSE TO ITS UPPER PSYCHOLOGICAL LIMIT.

"THE MARKET IS OVERHEATED, AND IT'D BE A GOOD THING IF IT COULD BE GIVEN A REST," SAID SETSICHIRO NAKAGAWA, A FUND MANAGER AT BTTR. HE SAID HE EXPECTED THE INDEX TO REACH THE PSYCHOLOGICAL CEILING OF 30,000 YEN BY THE END OF THIS YEAR BEFORE FALLING GRADUALLY.

BROKERS ALSO SAID THE CURRENT FLURRY OF COMPANY FINANCING THROUGH CONVERTIBLE BOND AND WARRANT ISSUES HAD PUT TOO MUCH PAPER ON THE MARKET. SECURITIES HOUSES INVOLVED IN FINANCINGS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO TRADE SUCH ISSUES, ONE BROKER NOTED.

UNLIKE SOME OF THEIR OVERSEAS COUNTERPARTS, BROKERS HERE SAID THAT AT THE MOMENT THEY ARE UNWORRIED ABOUT INFLATION OR THE PROSPECT OF RISING INTEREST RATES.

THE RISE IN THE DOLLAR AND WALL STREET'S ADVANCE SPURRED EXPORT-RELATED ELECTRICALS AND PRECISION INSTRUMENTS.

MATSUSHITA ELECTRICAL ROSE 30 YEN TO 2,510, SHARP 30 TO 1,120, SONY 80 TO 5,150, AND TDK 40 TO 4,340.

Nomura Securities

WEEKLY FORECAST **JUNE 20 - 24**

US APRIL TRADE DEFICIT BELOW 10 BIL DLS LED TO STABILITY OF
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 MENT. DUE TO MY UPWARD MOMENTUM, GLOBAL MKTS ARE CATCHING POST-
 CRASH RECORD HIGHS, TOO. TRY MKT WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP WITH
 STRUCTURAL SURPLUS FUNDS, LED BY LARGE CAPITALIZATION ISSUES LIKE
 STEEL-CHEMISTRY ISSUES WHOSE ACHIEVEMENT ARE HITTING RECORD HIGH
 LEVELS NEXT TERM. BECAUSE MKT ENERGY IS KEEPING HIGH LEVELS
 BECAUSE INTL COOPERATION IS THIS GOING TO BE SEEN AGAIN AT SUMMIT, TRY
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Gold prices decline

Dollar rallies in active European trading

LONDON, June 22. (AP): The US dollar rallied in active European trading today, buoyed by reported West German and Japanese condoning of its rise and general bullish sentiment. Gold prices were lower.

Foreign exchange dealers said a number of statements in recent days were taken to mean that Japan won't be tightening domestic monetary policy or holding down the dollar.

In Frankfurt, they said limited dollar sales by the Bundesbank failed to halt the dollar's rise as they were interpreted as a sign that the bank tolerated a further rise in the dollar.

Nervousness
But European dealers agreed that late in the day there were signs of nervousness that the currency could stay at its current high levels. "People have strong doubts whether this level can be sustained," said one dealer at a US bank in Frankfurt.

In London, a long-awaited half-percentage point rise in British interest rates was announced, but the move had only a modest impact on the pound, dealers said. By late in the trading day, the dollar had edged up against the British pound, which was quoted at \$1.7710, compared with \$1.7555 yesterday.

Other late dollar rates, compared with late yesterday:
—1.7740 West German marks, up from 1.7548
—1.4720 Swiss francs, up from 1.4623
—5.9747 French francs, up from 5.9245
—1.9975 Dutch guilders, up from 1.9755
—1.3140 Italian lire, up from 1.304.00
—1.2100 Canadian dollars, down from 1.2079

European bourses firmed, but the Tokyo Stock Market, the world's largest, fell on further profit-taking, dealers said.

At the Group of Seven's Toronto summit, the seven also said they were still intent on containing inflation.

Positive
"The Americans seem to accept a higher dollar for the time being because it is going to have some positive impact on inflation," said Joachim Zimmermann, chief dealer at Berliner Bank. "That has encouraged the market to try to push the dollar a little bit higher," he added.

The Bundesbank, West Germany's central bank, sold dollars to slow the US currency's rise against the mark. It fears a weak currency will boost inflation, by raising the price of imports.

The yen slumped. The dollar jumped by nearly two yen to 128.38 yen — the Japanese currency's low, a value against the dollar since March.

The yen's decline was for mainly technical reasons, as dealers moved to buy Deutsche marks with yen to cover previous commitments to sell the West German currency. Many of those previous sales had been for yen.

Dealers said the West German central bank's interest rate increase — a move aimed at buoying the mark's value — meant now was a good time to cover those sales commitments before the West German currency rises much further.

The heavy yen sales in Tokyo pushed dollar-yen trades completed through brokers up to a record \$14.35 billion. The previous record was \$11.47 billion in March, 1987.

Share prices
"Japanese investors feel confident" about the dollar, said Motohide Hongo, joint general manager of Sumitomo Bank's treasury department in Tokyo.

On the Tokyo Stock Exchange, the 225-share Nikkei average slipped 64.79 points to 27,860.78.

In Europe, share prices firmed slightly.

London's FTSE index of 100 blue chip British shares opened 5.2 points higher at 1,865.3 but eased a couple of points by late morning. Investors initially took heart from yesterday's gains on Wall Street, where the Dow Jones industrial average jumped 25.24 points to 2,109.17, dealers said.

Frankfurt's 30-share Boersen-Zeitung index opened 3.2 points higher at 311.13 while the Paris Bourse indicator rose 0.12 per cent. The All Share Swiss index rose 5.8 points to 869.54.

The dollar is higher again, Wall Street rose 25 points but most of all US market interest rates seem to have stopped rising, a Frankfurt share dealer said.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index rose 20.09 points to 2,703.74 and Sydney's All-Ordinaries index was up 10.5 points to 1,612.6.

The dollar's gains today were good news on European bourses, where investors fear a weak US currency will cut European companies' export sales.

Investors also worry that higher interest rates will eat into corporate profits by raising borrowing costs and making it harder

to sell goods on credit.

Many had worried that other nations could follow the lead of West Germany and raise interest rates this week.

Worrying
Investors have been worrying that inflation is on the rise, especially as a drought in the North American grain belt is threatening this year's harvest. That could send food prices up.

But while higher interest rates are one way of cooling inflation, dealers say they are less sure that further increases are in prospect. Yesterday, the United States reported a modest 0.3 per cent rise in consumer prices for May, while London money market dealers are backing away from their previous forecasts that a interest rate increase is imminent in Britain.

In Tokyo, where the business day ends before Europe's begins, the dollar rose 1.27 Japanese yen to a closing 127.60 yen. Later in London, it was quoted higher at 128.52 yen.

Gold
Gold bullion sold in London at a late bid of \$448.50 a troy ounce, down from late yesterday's \$451.00.

In Zurich, the bid was the same, \$448.50, down from \$451.50 late yesterday.

Sheikh Saad receives Sudanese minister



Sudanese Minister of Energy and Mines (left) talks with HH the Crown Prince (centre). Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa (right) was also present during the talks.

The meeting was attended by Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Athbi. Adel also met the Minister of Water and Electricity, Hamoud Abdullah Al Rqobah. Adel visited the headquarters of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPC).

OAPC's acting Secretary-General, Abdelaziz Al Wattan, received the minister. Talks between them covered Sudan's relations with OAPC, which includes Sudan's participation in the Arab energy conference.

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World sugar prices rising

LONDON, June 22. (Reuters): World sugar prices are on the rise, although demand from moonshine brewers in the Soviet Union may be coming down and many Americans are losing their sweet tooth, sugar dealers and commodity analysts say.

They believe a recent rally could soon run out of steam. Yesterday, the so-called "London daily raws price" a world benchmark, jumped \$10.60 a tonne to \$282.60, its highest since August, 1983.

Doubled
The New York price of 10.75 cents a pound for sugar is at a five year high. Its price has nearly doubled from about six cents at the end of 1987.

But prices are still far below highs of the early 1980s, when sugar traded well above 40 cents a pound.

And commodity analysts say the most recent gains in the price

of sugar are due to a fairly short-term supply squeeze.

"There is always the danger of a series of weather-induced production shortfalls. For this eventuality surplus stocks are no longer high enough to prevent a full (price) boom," Helmut Ahlfeld, head of sugar consultants FO Licht, said last week.

Purchases
Dealers said the recent rise in sugar prices is due to heavy buying by China and Japan. Buyers in both nations are worried that torrential spring rains in Cuba may mean tight supplies.

In central provinces of Cuba, parts of some roads and railroads were washed away in the worst floods in 30 years. At least 3,000 hectares (7,400 acres) of recently planted sugar cane were lost, the Cuban national news agency said on June 9.

London dealers said China bought as much as 100,000 ton-

nes of raw sugar last week, bringing purchases so far this year to nearly 3.5 million tonnes. China and Japan have been big buyers on the Thai market.

Meanwhile, hot dry weather could cut sugar beet crops in the Soviet Union and the US Midwest.

But rising prices may not help sugar producers whose crops are not suffering from the weather, Ahlfeld said.

Instead, consumers may switch to other sweeteners. Syrups derived from corn have been increasingly popular with food processors, bakers and drinks firms in recent years.

"It is only natural that sugar producers and exporters should welcome higher prices after such a long period of lean prices. But it would be dangerous to lose sight of the problems that high prices might bring in their train," Ahlfeld said.

US financial markets soar as dollar surges

NEW YORK, June 22. (Reuters): Financial markets staged strong rallies today as the dollar surged amid optimism that leading Western industrial nations would support a higher level for the US currency.

The dollar began rising in Asia and Europe after leaders of the Group of Seven (G-7) industrial democracies, which met in Toronto for three days this week, said they would support a slightly higher dollar.

To agree
"The world and the G-7 seem to agree the dollar could find a home at higher levels," said one currency dealer.

After the dollar shot up to a high of 127.63 yen in Tokyo earlier in the day, Bank of Japan sources told Reuters that the central bank was not worried by the move at this stage.

The dollar rose in New York to 128.58 Japanese yen, up steeply from 126.43 yesterday, and to

1.7735 West German marks from 1.7553.

Wall Street stocks made a strong start with the key Dow Jones industrial index quickly surging by 41 points before settling back to a gain of 34.50 points at 2,144.03 after the first hour of trading.

Bonds
Volume on the New York Stock Exchange was heavy, with 45 million shares changing hands in 30 minutes.

The market is very, very strong today," said broker Peter Balance of Moore and Schley.

Prices of US Treasury bonds opened sharply higher and then extended their gains, boosted by a strong rise in the dollar, dealers said.

An unexpected drop in new US durable goods orders last month, reported today, added further fuel to the powerful rally by dampening worries over inflation.

Dealers said the rally began overseas in response to heavy Japanese buying. Also, supportive statements toward the dollar by foreign officials helped spur investor appetite.

The 30-year US Treasury bond opened at 101-22/32, up from 100-4/32 yesterday. The yield fell to 8.96 per cent from 9.10.

Traders said a large Japanese investment house issued an overnight recommendation to buy bonds, igniting a flurry of purchases, and the dollar's sharp gains further fuelled buying.

Tumbled
Today's rally came after bond prices had tumbled nearly three points during the past week.

"The most encouraging factor in this is the dollar," said Gilbert Clark of Daiwa Securities America. "The mood is beginning to change."

Conversely, gold futures fell on active selling following the

dollar's sharp rise. The metal was also unsettled by speculation that Chicago commodities prices for grains and soybeans could correct today after a string of sharp gains sparked by the drought in the Great Plains and Midwest.

August gold fell \$4 to \$451.40 an ounce but held a line of support at 450.

Fetching
US crude oil futures were down in reaction to rising US petroleum stocks, floor traders said. Heating oil and petrol futures were also lower.

West Texas Intermediate was fetching \$16.25 a barrel in early New York trading, down 12 cents a barrel.

The American Petroleum Institute reported late yesterday that US crude oil stocks rose an unexpected 3.4 million barrels, distillate and gasoline stocks also showed moderate increase.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, June 22. (Reuters): A late scramble for resource stocks helped to push the market to a higher close in all sectors but profit-taking kept the market off its early highs. The All Ordinaries index rose 10.5 to 1,612.6.

TOKYO: Prices fell on profit-taking in moderately active trade after rising sharply on Wall Street's rally and news of a smaller-than-expected May increase in the US consumer price index. The Nikkei index fell 64.79 to 27,860.78.

HONG KONG: Prices closed higher but profit-taking pared earlier gains. The Hang Seng index rose 13.77 to 1,790.80.

SINGAPORE: Prices recovered, reversing yesterday's moderate losses, on selective buying and bargain hunting. The Straits Times industrial index rose 13.92 to 1,071.99.

BOMBAY: Prices rose sharply after exchange authorities reduced daily deposit margins on purchases. Selective buying by institutions also boosted the market.

ZURICH: The market was firmer across the board in moderate trading, boosted by a firmer dollar and gains on Wall Street. The All-Share index gained 8.7 to 872.4.

UAE drops bank licence fee plan

ABU DHABI, June 22. (Reuters): The UAE Central Bank said today it had postponed a controversial plan to demand licence fees from commercial banks.

The Central Bank had sought annual fees of 50,000 dirhams (\$13,600) for each head office and 10,000 dirhams (\$2,700) for each branch, but bankers protested that they had not been consulted.

Abdullah Al Ghurair, chairman of the Emirates Bankers Association, had urged banks not to pay the fees, which would have become due by the end of the month.

The Central Bank said in a circular to banks that it was postponing the scheme in the general interest. Bankers said earlier they felt the Central Bank had been high-handed in demanding the fees, especially since it already enjoyed benefits from interest-free deposits by commercial banks.

Hyundai Motors fails to resume production

SEOUL, June 22. (AP): Hyundai Motor Co., South Korea's largest automaker, remained closed today as management rejected a new union demand for payment of lost wages during the strike.

Hyundai's union leaders called off a 24-day strike on Monday, prompting the company to announce its car plant in the southern city of Ulsan would resume production today.

Union leaders, however, were forced to change their strategy yesterday when militant workers refused to return to work, demanding payment of lost wages during the strike.

"We can't pay wages under the principle of no work and no pay," said one company official, who demanded anonymity.

The official said, however, the company would continue talks with the union on the issue. He indicated there would be some "indirect" ways to meet the workers' demand, but refused to elaborate.

Japan beginning to exercise some of its economic clout

Takeshita got nearly everything he wanted

TOKYO, June 22. (AP): Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita went to the Toronto summit with a shopping list of five items on which he wanted commitments. By the time the three-day summit ended, he got nearly everything he wanted.

The result pleased Japanese leaders, who called it a sign that Japan is now exercising some of the clout it achieved by building one of the world's top economies.

"As a whole, it was strongly felt that Japan's international role has heightened," said Chief Cabinet Secretary Keizo Obuchi.

Summed up

A political cartoon in the nationwide newspaper Asahi Shimbun summed up Japanese feelings toward the summit, showing the diminutive Takeshita towering over US President Ronald Reagan and Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, boosted in stature by recent agreements resolving disputes over beef and oranges and a new aid package for developing countries.

To ensure a cordial (not warm) reception at the summit, Japan announced on the eve of the sum-

mit that it was absolving 17 of the poorest Third World countries of \$1 billion in debt over the next five years. Japan also rushed to conclude an agreement with the United States on beef and oranges, eliminating a major source of trade friction between the two countries.

Before leaving for the summit, Takeshita indicated Japan was no longer willing to take a back seat in international affairs.

Upset

"Seen from the international perspective, it is fit that Japan has gained the status of an economic power. I believe it is my responsibility to assert that strength in terms of a specific role Japan should play."

However, Takeshita also acknowledged he was a man of few words, often content to sit in the background working for a consensus. This has upset many Japanese, who think it is time for their country to take a more assertive role.

Thus, many image-conscious Japanese were eager to see what kind of reception Takeshita would get in the world arena.

There was more than a little concern when Takeshita got elb-

owed to the edges during a formal photograph session for the world leaders. Reporters were quick to note it was the first time Japan missed an inside spot in the official photo since former Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone first managed to place himself between Reagan and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher at the 1983 Williamsburg summit.

However, any stature he might have lost in Japanese eyes was regained at the negotiating table.

Commitments

Before he left for Toronto, Takeshita said he wanted to get commitments on further promotion of macroeconomic policy co-ordination; co-operation for the prevention of trade protectionism; co-operation on the debt problem to restore self-sustained growth to developing countries; and a statement on policies toward the newly industrialised economies, formerly known as the newly industrialised countries.

He also wanted a statement of support for the Seoul Olympics.

The final communiqué urged continued progress toward reducing agricultural subsidies;

called for special attention to heavily indebted countries; endorsed the free-market economics urged by Reagan and Thatcher; agreed on rescheduling the debt of the world's poorest countries; and urged constructive talks with the newly industrialised economies of Hong Kong, South Korea and Singapore.

Concern

Japan was praised for spurring domestic demand and urged to continue promoting reform in its land-use policies.

The final communiqué did not include a statement on the summer Olympics, partly over concern about linking politics and sports. However, Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney issued a special statement hours after the summit ended, saying summit leaders expressed support for the Seoul Games. The special statement was issued after strenuous prodding from Japan.

It was a symbolic victory for Takeshita, who had promised Asian leaders he would attend the conference as a regional representative, not as a world leader as his predecessor, Nak-

asone, had done in previous summits.

At a news conference following the summit, Takeshita said he was happy with the declaration on newly industrialised economies and said he viewed the summit with a "sense of fulfillment."

Another major success for Takeshita was something that didn't occur at this year's summit — the Japan-bashing that has often preoccupied previous sessions.

Takeshita took special steps to try to ensure that wouldn't happen this time.

Initiatives

In addition to initiatives on beef and oranges and foreign aid, Japan announced on June 14 it was more than doubling its overseas development aid to at least \$50 billion in the next five years.

Michihiko Kunihiro, chief cabinet councillor for external affairs, said Takeshita also won compliments from several summit leaders for Japan's recent success in boosting imports and narrowing its trade surplus.

In the end, he said, "Statistics talked on our behalf."

UK and W. Germany raise interest rates

LONDON, June 22. (Reuters): Britain and W. Germany raised interest rates today in the government's continuing campaign to dampen a credit-fuelled consumer buying spree that it fears will rekindle inflation.

The Bank of England, Britain's central bank, raised its money market lending rate, for the third time this month, by half a percentage point to nine per cent. The other rises this month, also by half a percentage point each time, occurred on June 2 and 6.

Anticipating
"We will not take risks with inflation," a spokesman for the British Treasury said of the rate increase.

British financial markets had been anticipating the rise since late last week. A Bank of England spokesman said the increase was aimed at keeping credit tight to bring down inflation.

He would not say if the increase was co-ordinated with other nations. West Germany raised a key interest rate yesterday.

Yesterday, British Chancellor

of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson said in Toronto that the just-completed Group of Seven industrial nations' summit now had co-operation policies on inflation as well as on currency-exchange rates.

"The policies which we have agreed on — both on inflation policy and on exchange rate policy — may have consequences for interest rates and interest rate differentials," Lawson said, adding, "but that is a matter for each country to decide for themselves."

By raising the money market lending rate, the Bank of England signals British commercial banks that it wants them to raise all their lending rates.

Obliged

The National Westminster Bank and Barclays Bank, Britain's biggest and second biggest banks respectively, quickly obliged by raising its base lending rate to nine per cent from 8.5 per cent. The other major banks were expected to follow suit.

The pound sterling held steady at \$1.7750 and edged about a half a penny higher at 1.1430 Deutsche marks. The FTSE index of

100 blue chip British shares was hardly changed at 1,866 at midday.

After Britain last week reported that retail prices in May rose far faster than expected, many economists had forecast a rise in interest rates.

But they said that, while costlier borrowing should cool Britain's credit-fuelled spending boom, higher interest rates could also boost the pound by increasing the return on funds placed in British bank accounts or invested in British bonds.

Risk
That worries many British business executives, concerned that the pound's gains so far this year risk pricing British exports off foreign markets.

It was the third increase in the benchmark rate in less than three weeks and represented a concerted effort by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government to curb inflationary pressures and boost the pound.

The Bank of England signalled the increase by raising a key money market intervention rate. Government figures for infla-

tion, jobs, growth and output have highlighted the fact that the British economy continues to boom, despite last October's stock market crash.

West Germany's central bank, as promised, raised a key interest rate yesterday in a move economists said should not threaten international efforts to stabilise financial markets.

Hardly

The Bundesbank raised the rate at which it lends money for one month periods — its so-called "repo" rate — to 3.5 per cent from 3.25 per cent.

West German stocks rose and the Deutschmark hardly moved.

"At the moment, the central bank appears to be co-ordinating policy better than before and will be very cautious on rate moves," said Guenther Teich, treasurer of Bank of Boston in Frankfurt.

The West German central bank did not say why it boosted the rate, but monetary analysts and banking sources here say it was mainly due to fears of rising inflation at home and concern about a weakening currency.

Middle East oil prices heading down

TOKYO, June 22. (Reuters): Middle East crude oil prices are heading down below \$13 a barrel because producers keep pumping at a higher rate than demanded, experts said.

"It's simply that there's more supply than demand," said one Japanese refiner. "There's no panacea."

The value of the benchmark Middle East Dubai crude has tumbled to around \$13.45, about \$4 below the \$17.42 OPEC target.

Britain's key Brent blend is around \$15.30 on the free market.

Competing

OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) producers, instead of acting together to stabilise prices, are competing desperately to sell in a glutted market, oil analysts said.

Saudi Arabia is widely believed to have cut prices to European customers by some 30 cents a barrel in June to compete with Iranian and Iraqi sales drives, they said.

Japanese buyers said Saudi Arabia has indicated that it might cut prices to the Far East

by a few cents in August to keep prices in line with Iran and Kuwait. "Saudi Arabia is trying to stay competitive with the other Gulf producers," one refiner said.

Iran and Kuwait are also trying to sell more oil to Japan.

An Iranian oilman asked the Ministry of International Trade and Industry in Tokyo this week to raise its unofficial ceiling on Iranian oil imports so Japanese trading houses could import another 40,000 barrels per day (bpd) under a barter arrangement, traders said.

Expected

A delegation from Kuwait Petroleum is expected in Tokyo on Saturday to try to boost sales in the third quarter.

"Of course they could increase the volume with a bigger (price) discount," said one refiner. "But these kind of visits to Japan just show to the world that OPEC countries are trying to push bigger volumes."

Dubai prices are now only one dollar off the 12-month low of \$12.32 in March which prompted a round of emergency OPEC meetings to discuss ways to sup-

port the price, oil analysts said. "When the market dipped in March we started to get all sorts of statements from OPEC which brought it back up," one said.

"Now its fallen to those depths again — but is anyone going to prop it up again?"

The OPEC meeting which ended last week did not adjust the organisation's production agreement in place since December 1987.

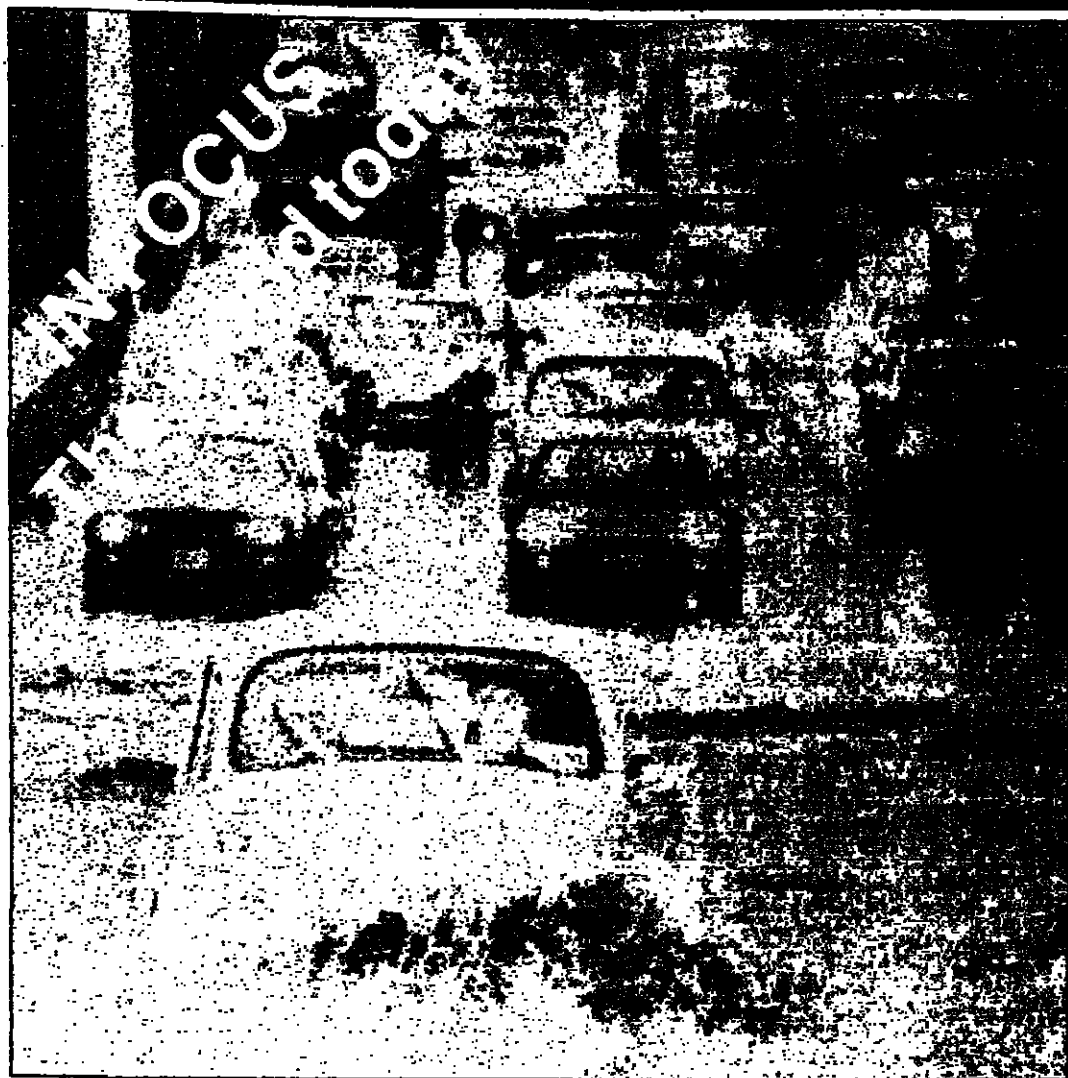
Agreement

The agreement set an OPEC production ceiling of 15.06 million bpd, excluding Iraq which refused to accept a lower quota than Iran.

OPEC output has been steadily rising over the ceiling and surplus oil exerts strong downward pressure on prices as the market becomes steadily more saturated.

"OPEC did nothing to correct the market (at the last meeting)," said one refiner.

Industry statistics show that stocks in the United States are currently 38 million barrels higher than one year ago, while European oil stocks are 15 million barrels higher.



UNDAUNTED by high water, a Volkswagen ploughs through a flooded interstate highway near downtown Denver on Tuesday while the rest of the traffic comes to a standstill. Heavy rains turned streets into wading pools. (Reuter wirephoto)



TURKISH Prime Minister Turgut Ozal receives Yugoslav Premier Branko Mikulic (left) at Ankara airport. Mikulic arrived in Ankara yesterday for a three-day visit. (Reuter wirephoto)



OUSTED Haitian President Leslie Manigat talking to reporters on Tuesday. Manigat was deposed by a military coup. His wife Myriande stands next to him. (Reuter wirephoto)



INTERNATIONAL Music Day was celebrated by 115 students playing 100 pianos in Barcelona, Spain, on Tuesday, as they played works by Mozart, Haydn, Albinoni and Purcell simultaneously at the Barcelona Conservatory. The show sets a new world record for the largest number of pianos played simultaneously — the old record of 76 pianos was set at the opening of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. (Reuter wirephoto)



PRESIDENT Ronald Reagan gives the thumbs-up sign as he leaves the stage after the final communique was read ending the G-7 economic summit in Toronto. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE heat-wave, which has stretched from late spring into the first day of summer, shows no sign of easing in Feldon, Illinois. A farmer looks at corn that has been stunted by the drought. (Reuter wirephoto)



CHINA'S leader Deng Xiaoping (right) greeting Ethiopian President Mengistu Haile Mariam yesterday in the Great Hall of the People. (Reuter wirephoto)



DO MUOI, who was elected prime minister by Vietnam's parliament yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



SOUTH AFRICAN medical officials rush a victim of a bomb blast to an awaiting ambulance as a man hurries behind with his injured child. At least 10 people were hurt when an explosion ripped through an amusement arcade in central Johannesburg. (Reuter wirephoto)



CHRISTIAN Lebanese Forces militiamen standing among the debris of a car bomb explosion in East Beirut yesterday. At least one person was killed and 19 others wounded in the blast near a Christian militia headquarters. (Reuter wirephoto)



JOSEPHINE, an orangutan at the San Francisco zoo, is at the centre of a dispute over whether she should be moved to the Philadelphia Zoo so that she can mate with her own species. Josephine gazes at onlookers at the zoo. (Reuter wirephoto)



OMAR MOHAMED, a West German citizen of Arab origin was arrested in Athens on Tuesday, while trying to smuggle explosives aboard an Israel-bound ferry. (Reuter wirephoto)

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WORTHY GETS MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARD

Lakers edge Pistons to retain title

INGLEWOOD, California, June 22, (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers, led by James Worthy's 36 points, held off the Detroit Pistons 108-105 last night and became the first team in 19 years to repeat as National Basketball Association (NBA) champions.

The Lakers, who trailed 52-47 at halftime, hit their first 10 shots of the third quarter on the way to a 15-point lead, then held off a furious rally by the Pistons in the final 12 minutes.

Spanned

Byron Scott scored 12 of his 21 points during the Lakers' 23-7 rally in the third period, which spanned the first 6:25 of the second half and gave Los Angeles a 70-59 lead. Scott capped the spurt with a 3-point goal.

The Lakers led 94-79 with 7:24 left before the Pistons rallied.

Vinnie Johnson had three baskets and John Salley five points as Detroit used a 17-4 spurt to close within 98-96 with 2:50 left.

The Pistons got within two on two other occasions before Magic Johnson hit a free throw with 1:16 to go to make it 103-100. Bill Laimbeer then missed a

3-point attempt and was unable to save the rebound. The ball went out of bounds with 1:05 to go.

After a missed shot by Los Angeles, Dennis Rodman missed a jumper with 39 seconds left.

With a yellout from crowd of 17,505 screaming, "repeat, repeat," during every timeout, Scott hit two free throws to make it 105-100. The Lakers missed three of their next four attempts at the line, however, and the Pistons then trailed by only 106-105 when Laimbeer hit a 3-pointer with six seconds remaining.

But A.C. Green clinched it with a layup with two seconds on the clock.

Worthy was the Series' Most Valuable Player.

When the game ended, delirious fans swarmed over the court, celebrating the first successful defence by an NBA champion since the Boston Celtics in 1969.

Magic Johnson added 19 points for Los Angeles. Joe Dumars had 25 points for the Pistons. Salley 17 and Adrian Dantley 16.

Isiah Thomas, despite a badly

sprained ankle that had him on crutches just an hour before the game, played 19 minutes and scored 10 points in the first half, including consecutive jumpers in the final 27 seconds of the second quarter. Those shots gave Detroit the halftime lead.

But Thomas failed to score in the second half and saw only spot duty in the final minutes.

It was the fifth title this decade for the Lakers. By successfully defending last year's crown, the Lakers fulfilled a guarantee by coach Pat Riley.

"I'm going to guarantee everyone we're going to repeat," Riley said minutes after the Lakers beat the Celtics a year ago.

The franchise now has won 11 titles, the first six in Los Angeles and the first five in Minneapolis from 1949-54.

The Lakers also became the first team to win three seven-game series in one year. They beat Utah and Dallas 4-3 in the Western Conference playoffs.

The Pistons, making their first appearance in the championship series since moving to Detroit 31 years ago, became the first team since Seattle in 1978 to lose in the finals after taking a 3-2 lead.



Green (left) clinched the game for Lakers with a layup while Dantley scored 16 points for Pistons.

Gloucestershire avoid defeat

LONDON, June 22, (Reuters) — Off-spinner Jack Simmons, one of the longest-serving players in English county cricket, showed all his guile and experience as Lancashire turned the tables on Gloucestershire yesterday.

Simmons, 47, captured five for 81 in 26 overs and transformed Gloucestershire's victory charge into a struggle to avoid defeat, with last pair Jack Russell and David Lawrence surviving the final 20 balls to force a draw.

Gloucestershire, needing 331 in 67 overs on the final day of the championship match at Old Trafford, subsided from 243 for four to 296 for nine at the finish.

Opener Andy Stovold (72), England discarded Bill Athey (58) and Paul Romaine (48) gave Gloucestershire a flying start before Simmons tilted the balance.

The wily slow bowler, who made his county debut 20 years ago, caused a decline in which five wickets tumbled for 50, and

crucially included Stovold and Athey among his victims.

Worcestershire slipped from the top of the table after failing to exploit fully a pitch taking considerable turn at Derby where Derbyshire held out for a draw.

The home county were set to make 246 to win in 48 overs, but although slow left-arm bowler Richard Illingworth took three for 27, his spin and the off-breaks of Graeme Hick were not penetrative enough to cause a complete breakthrough. Derbyshire ended on 115 for four.

A career-best 140 by Paul Johnson, who survived three chances, pulled championships Nottinghamshire out of trouble against Hampshire at Southampton where their match was drawn.

Notts, 192 behind on first innings, made 359 after Johnson and Mike Newell (80) added 211 for the third wicket.

Hampshire were left the

improbable victory target of 168 from 20 overs to win and finished on 45 for five.

Kent, who beat Warwickshire on Monday, lead the championship with 145 points from Worcestershire (134) and Essex (108).

Results

At Leicester: Leicestershire beat Sussex by eight wickets. Sussex 159 in 54.3 overs and 210 (A. Pigott 56, C. Wells 41, J. Agnew four for 70). Leicestershire 309 in 113.4 overs and 61 for two. Leicestershire 23 points, Sussex four.

At Derby: Derbyshire v Worcestershire — match drawn. Worcestershire 367 in 135.3 overs and 200 for three declared (T. Curtis 76, G. Lord 53). Derbyshire 322 for nine declared in 98 overs and 115 for four. Derbyshire six points, Worcestershire seven.

At Luton: Northamptonshire v Middlesex — match drawn. Northamptonshire 338 in 104.5

overs and 235 for five declared (G. Cook 124 not out, R. Bailey 48). Middlesex 277 in 92.1 overs and 234 for six (W. Slack 54, M. Roseberry 42 not out). Northamptonshire eight points, Middlesex six.

At Old Trafford: Lancashire v Gloucestershire — match drawn. Lancashire 329 for six declared in 105 overs and 257 for seven declared (D. Hughes 55, N. Fairbrother 54, I. Austin 43, D. Lawrence five for 54). Gloucestershire 256 for two declared in 79.2 overs and 296 for nine (A. Stovold 72, W. Athey 58, P. Bainbridge 48, P. Romaine 46, J. Simmons five for 81). Lancashire four points, Gloucestershire five.

At Southampton: Hampshire v Nottinghamshire — match drawn. Nottinghamshire 197 in 72.1 overs and 359 (P. Johnson 140, M. Newell 80). Hampshire 389 in 125.3 overs and 45 for five. Hampshire seven points, Nottinghamshire three.

Cycling race

CHUR, Switzerland, June 22, (AP) — Steve Bauer of Canada won the gruelling Alpine eighth leg of the Tour de Suisse road cycling race yesterday but Helmut Wechselberger of Austria retained his overall lead for a third straight day.

Bauer finished the 247-kilometre mostly mountain course from Locarno to Chur, across the Gotthard pass, in 6 hours 43 minutes 47 seconds in an exciting last-minute sprint.

Trammel takes Tigers to win over Yankees

NEW YORK, June 22, (AP) — Alan Trammel was sure that he and his fellow Detroit Tigers were going to lose to the New York Yankees, right up to the moment that he hit a game-winning Grand Slam.

"This was a game we were supposed to lose, it looked like," said Trammel, whose ninth-inning blast gave the Tigers a 7-6 victory yesterday. "The last thing I expected was to hit a Grand Slam in the ninth to win the ballgame."

The Yankees had breezed through the first eight innings, knocking out Detroit ace Jack Morris in the second and leading 6-1 behind the strong pitching of reliever Neil Allan.

The win put Detroit 1-1/2 games ahead of the Yankees in the AL East. It was the second night in a row the Tigers had won with a homer in their last at-bat. In Monday night's game, Brooks homered off Guante in the bottom of the 10th inning to give Detroit a 2-1 victory.

Red Sox 10, Indians 6
Mike Greenwell extended his hitting streak to 13 games with a homer and three singles and Jim Rice drove in four runs with three hits as Boston won its fourth straight. The Red Sox 10 runs on 15 hits gave them 39 runs and 59 hits over their past three games. Greenwell has 10 hits, including four homers and 12 RBI, in the last three games.

Orioles 4, Blue Jays 2
Cal Ripken hit an RBI double in the sixth inning and tripled home two runs in the eighth and Oswaldo Peraza earned his first Major-League victory for Baltimore. Through seven innings, the Blue Jays led 2-1 and Toronto starter Mike Flanagan had a

three-hitter and appeared headed for his 150th career victory.

Angels 5, Twins 4
Chili Davis hit a two-out home run in the top of the 10th inning and California won its sixth straight game. Davis hit his ninth homer of the season off Minnesota reliever Mark Portugal, 0-1, who allowed only two hits in four innings.

Royals 6, White Sox 2
Frank White drove in three runs with a homer and a double and Mark Gubicza won his fifth straight decision as Kansas City snapped a four-game losing streak.

Athletics 4, Brewers 2
Dave Parker hit his third homer in as many games and Curt Young won for the first time in three weeks for Oakland. With the score tied 2-2, Jose Canseco hit a one-out single in the sixth and Parker followed with his ninth homer, just inside the left-field foul pole.

Rangers 6, Mariners 0
Paul Kilgus pitched a six-inning shutout for the season and Jeff Kunkel drove in three runs as Texas defeated hand Seattle in its ninth straight loss. The Mariners have lost 14 straight games on the road, a club record.

Results

American League		
Boston	10	Cleveland 6
Detroit	7	New York 6
Baltimore	4	Toronto 2
California	5	Minnesota 4
Kansas City	6	Chicago 2
Oakland	4	Milwaukee 2
Texas	6	Seattle 0
National League		
Montreal	7	St. Louis 0
New York	6	Pittsburgh 0
Philadelphia	6	Chicago 1
Houston	3	Cincinnati 1
Los Angeles	2	Atlanta 1
San Diego	8	San Francisco 3

Crown defeat OKCC and Morning Star

CROWN Cricket club scored two victories over the weekend in the Summer League Amar Cricket Trophy tournament.

In the first match Crown beat OKCC by 100 runs and in the second scored an eight-wicket victory over Morning Star.

Against OKCC, Crown won the toss and elected to bat. Crown scored 210 for the loss of six wickets in their allotted overs. Shahid Butt was the top scorer with 35 while Ashraf and Sohail got 34 each and Zahoor 26.

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Accurate

For OKCC, Mustafa Alam and Mehmood took two wickets each.

In reply, OKCC ran into some accurate bowling from Crown's captain Shahid Butt who took five wickets for 24 in five overs. OKCC were only able to score 110 for the loss of nine wickets.

In the second match, Morning Star, batting first, scored 99 for the loss of eight wickets. Shahid Butt, Maqsood and Ijaz took two wickets each.

In reply Crown scored the required runs for the loss of only two wickets. Pervaiz scored 40 and Ijaz Butt 22.

US Select beat France

PARIS, June 22, (AP) — Charlie Smith scored 22 points while Dyon Nix had double figures in the US Select team on a six-game European tour to determine the additional finalists of the Olympic trials basketball team. The team, coached by George Klayton, won three games in a Finnish tournament over the weekend.

"Charles Smith came in and I thought he played excellent for us," Klayton said. The University of Southern California coach, said Smith, a 6-foot-1 guard from Georgetown, had 14 points in the first half. Nix, 6-foot-6, had 17 points and 11 rebounds, pacing the team from underneath.

"Nix was just tremendous for us on the backboard," Klayton said of the Tennessee player.

France sweep aside Cordoba

CORDOBA, Argentina, June 22, (Reuters) — The French touring side yesterday scored a 42-9 (13-3) victory over Argentine provincial side Cordoba Union.

France, made up of reserves as their first selection rested ahead of Saturday's second Test against Argentina, scored four goals, three tries and two penalties against the local side's goal and penalty.

Cordoba, runners-up in the provincial championships, opened the scoring with a 14th minute penalty by fly-half Dominguez but France pulled level three minutes later when Didier Camberabero also scored with a penalty.

For the rest of the first half the visitors, playing their sixth match of the tour, gave a display

of 'demolition rugby' to take a half-time lead of 13-3.

The second half saw the French open up their game with Camberabero leading attack after attack with his side crossing the line five times.

Cordoba delighted the 4,000 spectators in the 29th minute of the second half when Cappelli scored a try which was converted by Dominguez.

Gulf clubs should learn from Jordan Rally organizers

By Gail Seery

JORDAN RALLY was undoubtedly one of the best rallies ever seen in the Middle East region. Making their second bid for inclusion in the World Championship rally calendar, the organizers worked hard to strengthen the event in the areas which last year's FISA organizers had identified as needing attention.

The rally stages covered vastly differing types of surface, from tarmac roads in the mountainous north of the country, to desert stages in the south, and was a good deal more interesting than standard Middle East fare, for drivers and spectators alike.

Anyone who saw the tiny and inexperienced group of organizers who worked on the Kuwait International in March should turn to take a look at how the big clubs do it. This will in itself highlight the lack of support and resources the Kuwait event struggles under.

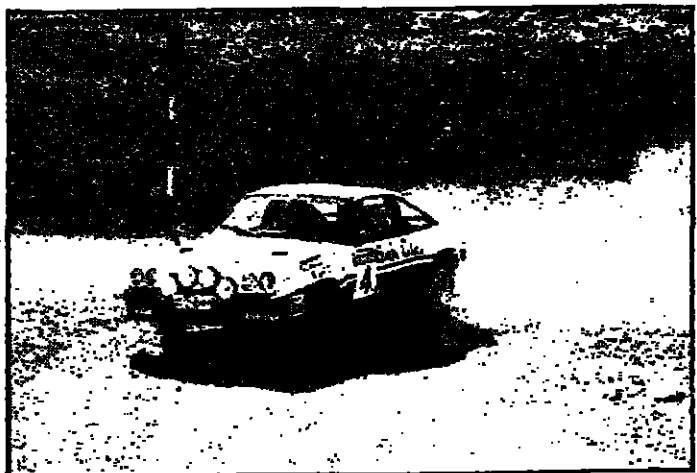
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Jordan has long been the strongest and most vibrant of Middle East Motorsports clubs, and has managed to evade much of the feuding and bad feeling experienced in many Gulf clubs, notably Kuwait and recently, Dubai.

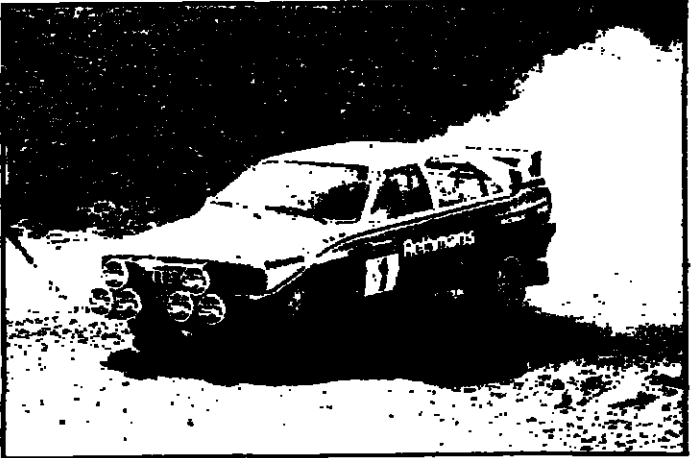
Headed by Derek Ledger, formerly co-driver to King Hussein, the Jordan RAC exercises a strong control over the event and co-ordinates the activities of a staggering number of volunteers. Ledger has been the General Manager of the RAC in Jordan for 22 years, and has been organizing rallies in the kingdom for almost as long.

This year's event was the eighth international held in Jordan, and had many of the same people working on its organizing committee as served in recent years.

Press from all over the world attended the Rothmans sponsored event, and worked within



Some action shots from the Jordan Rally (clockwise from top left): struggling to make up time, Saeed Al Hajri flies across the desert and



Mohammed Bin Sulayem crosses a railway line, David Llewellyn and Michel Saleh before dropping out. (Photos by Gail Seery)

an office consisting of some 39 personnel, who had either worked in the press office in former years, and had built up their experience in that way, or who had been flown in from the UK especially to assist. Last year I was one of 86 local and foreign reporters, who, along with 4 TV channels and 4 radio stations, covered the rally. This year the number had grown considerably, to include representatives of all major motorsports publications, as well as personnel from national newspapers of the stature of The Daily Mail.

More importantly to the running of the rally, there were literally hundreds of marshalls, from different areas of Jordan working together under the leadership of chief Marshall Ziad Louza.

Sadly, if Jordan fails to achieve the World Championship status it seeks, it will be more as a result of FISA's lack of interest in the Middle East region and non-French speaking rallies than through any fault of its own. Drivers, organizers, pressmen and FISA observers alike were unanimous in agreeing that it is a

better rally than many currently included in the World Championship calendar.

However, circles inside FISA suggest that the ruling body for the sport is aiming to cut back the number of rounds rather than to increase them, and that with strong pressure groups in other countries who would like to attain, or to retain a place, Jordan is not likely to stand a chance in the immediate future. This is a great shame for the sport in the region and it is greatly to be hoped that this policy will not prevail.

In the meantime, the various clubs in the Middle East currently organizing rallies, should do their utmost to ensure that their organizers attend and are familiar with the work done in the Jordan Club.

It is foolish in the extreme not to learn from one's neighbours. Wael Khoury of the KT Club travelled to Jordan at his own expense in order to see the rally at first hand and it is to be hoped that this constructive approach will be echoed by other members of the organization in future.

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Howe collapses

LONDON, June 22. (Reuters): England soccer coach Don Howe was undergoing tests in hospital today to discover what caused his collapse when the England party returned from West Germany after competing in the European championship. A spokeswoman at Watford General Hospital near Howe's home in Radlett said the England coach was "comfortable and satisfactory."

Soviet soccer

STUTTGART, West Germany, June 22. (Reuters): Major changes are in store for Soviet soccer, with the introduction of self-financing for clubs, transfer fees and sponsorship by Western firms, a top sports official said today.

Darren Clark

SYDNEY, Australia, June 22. (AP): Los Angeles Olympic Games 400-metre finalist Darren Clark of Australia today clinched a spot in the Australian track and field team for the Seoul Games in South Korea later this year.

Chang injured

TOKYO, June 22. (Reuters): World Boxing Council lightweight champion Chang Jung-Koo, who defends his title in Tokyo next week, was taken to hospital today after suffering a lip injury while sparring. A right uppercut from sparring partner Ken Ichikimura split Chang's lip. The seriousness of the injury was not immediately known.

Australian champion

SYDNEY, Australia, June 22. (AP): World-ranked Australian middleweight boxing champion Mark Janssen returns to the ring after more than a year of inactivity when he defends his title against Fijian-born Joey Nitiwa over 12 rounds at the Hordern pavilion on Monday. Janssen, who has a 19-0 record as a professional, has been sidelined by contractual problems.

Cup goalkeeper

SEVILLE, Spain, June 22. (Reuters): Nery Pumpido, Argentina's World Cup goalkeeper who had a finger ripped off in a freak training accident 11 months ago, has joined Spain's Real Betis from Argentine Club River Plate.

Troy Waters

SYDNEY, Australia, June 22. (AP): Troy Waters is virtually unknown in North America, which suits the Australian boxer just fine. Waters, 23, challenges Canada's Matthew Hilton for the International Boxing Federation junior-middleweight title in Ottawa on July 31. It will be only his 12th professional fight.

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RESULTS of the Sheraton Bridge Club game played on Tuesday.
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EVERT COMPLETES 100 WIMBLEDON SINGLES MATCHES

Lendl and Becker move into third round

WIMBLEDON, England, June 22. (UPI): Top seed Ivan Lendl moved a step nearer his coveted first Wimbledon title today with a four-set second-round victory over Australian Darren Cahill.

Lendl, who has said he would trade any of his three US Open or three French Open titles for the Wimbledon championship, dropped the first set 5-7.

Cahill, 22, had the only break in that set, for 15 in the 12th game, when Lendl netted a forehand while intercepting an attempted pass down the line.

But the Czechoslovak, who lives in Greenwich, Connecticut, loosened up in the second, winning it 6-2, and won the third set 6-4.

Frustration
He broke the Australian to go 2-1 up in the third game of the fourth set, but suffered a tense moment in the eighth when he went down 15-40. An outburst of frustration earned him a code violation warning for unsportsmanlike conduct.

He saved both break points, however, the first with a service winner and the second with a low volley. Cahill held his serve in the ninth, leaving Lendl to serve out for the match 5-7, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.

Boris Becker, Wimbledon champion in 1985 and 1986, advanced with a 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 triumph over second-round opponent Karel Novacek of Czechoslovakia in a match so dominated by service that it offered little opportunity to assess the German's all-round form.

Ironically, Novacek was the last man beaten by Becker at Wimbledon, in the first round last year. In the next round, Becker suffered a shock defeat at the hands of Australian Peter Doolan.

Becker will face American Sammy Giammalva in the third round. Giammalva defeated Czechoslovak Milan Srejber in a topsy-turvy game 1-6, 6-1, 6-2, 1-6, 6-3.

Becker's compatriot Steffi Graf, top-seeded in her search for her first Wimbledon title, made quick work of France's Karine Quentrec 6-2, 6-0.

Graf wrapped up her rapid-fire demolition job over lucky loser Quentrec in 34 minutes on an outside court.

The powerful West German, halfway to a grand slam after titles at the Australian and French Opens this year, opened with an ace and love game, but was quickly brought to earth as Quentrec struck back to hold her serve for 1-1.

Graf, getting used to a slow court No. 3, soon found her lethal rhythm, dropping only one more game in the match to allow Quentrec to advance to 4-2 before shutting the door.

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Results
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Lendl: fought back for victory

"Graf for me was always someone you admired on television," said Quentrec, who got into Wimbledon only as a last-minute replacement for Italian Raffaella Reggi who pulled out with a back injury.

"I never thought I would meet her on the court here with all those people watching."

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Tyson only at 60 per cent of ability: trainer

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., June 22. (Reuters): Mike Tyson although the undisputed and undefeated heavyweight champion of the world, has reached only 60 per cent of his potential, his trainer said yesterday.

Kevin Rooney also said the controversy surrounding Tyson's life outside the ring would not affect the champion's performance against Michael Spinks in their showdown here next Monday night.

"When my fighter enters the ring, I expect him to be a professional," the former welterweight boxer said. "If he wakes up with a 102 (38.8 Celsius) temperature, I expect him to go in and be a professional."

"Mike's a moody fighter," Rooney said. "But that's what makes him so great. Come the fight, Mister Spinks is going to have to pay for anything that's disturbing him (Tyson)."

Tyson has been charged by his sister-in-law with beating his wife — actress Robin Givens — a charge the 21-year-old champion denies.

Tyson also has accused his manager, Bill Cayton, of trying to break up his marriage.

Cayton yesterday denied that and said: "I want the marriage to work, because Mike loves Robin."

Rooney conceded that Spinks, 31, with a 31-0 record has the edge on Tyson in experience.

Experience
"He's (Spinks) lived with pressure longer. He was an Olympic champion, he won the light heavyweight title, took time off to help his brother (former world heavyweight champion Leon) come back and won the heavyweight title. As far as experience, he's got the edge."

"He can move and be frustrating," Rooney said.

Tyson, despite a 34-0 record

has been a professional for only three years. Spinks 31-0 has been fighting for pay for 11 years.

But, in no surprise, Rooney said: "My fighter is the better fighter."

"Since the (James) 'Bone Crusher' Smith fight he's improved in leaps and bounds," Rooney said about Tyson. "He's up to a solid 50 to 60 per cent of his ability."

"He destroyed (Tyrell) Biggs and (Tony) Tucker. What do you want him to do, kill someone? That's not the name of the game," Rooney said after Tyson sparred six rounds in the ring on the stage at a showroom at Trump Plaza casino on the boardwalk in this oceanside gambling resort.

Tyson appeared much sharper in yesterday's workout than he had on Monday. Rooney has barred the champion from talking to reporters this week in order to keep his fighter's mind on the fight.

Tyson yesterday also seemed to be getting closer to his street-brawling style, as he pushed sparring partner Mike 'Bounty' Hunter against the ropes and then hit him after he had slumped down from slipping on the canvas.

Rooney said the scheduled 12-round fight for the undisputed title could go the distance. Spinks is elusive and if Spinks chooses not to win (it could go the distance).

"Spinks could decide after getting hit in the first round that he just wants to go the distance," Rooney said.

He said that Smith and Tucker decided to wait until the last couple of rounds before really trying to land any strong punches, hoping Tyson was tired.

"But they found out it didn't work," Rooney said, adding that he thought Spinks would fight and not attempt just to last the distance.

Holding takes world best eight for 21 against Sussex

LONDON, June 22. (Reuters): Pace bowler Michael Holding took eight for 21 — a world best performance in limited overs cricket — for Derbyshire against Sussex in today's NatWest Trophy first-round tie at Hove.

The former West Indies Test player plundered his impressive haul in two spells to beat the previous best in 25 years of one-day cricket of eight for 26 by fellow countryman Keith Boyce in the English Sunday League in 1971.

The previous best in the NatWest competition was left-arm spinner Derek Underwood's eight for 31 for Kent against Scotland in Edinburgh last year.

Holding claimed the first six wickets at Hove to leave Sussex floundering at 27 for six. He returned to wrap up the innings for 134 and finish with figures of 10.1-2-21-8.

Derbyshire captain Rudi Gullit said: "I am a happy human being. Simple, right, but that is the only way I can express myself at this moment."

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Dutch celebrate victory over West Germans

AMSTERDAM, Holland, June 22. (UPI): The Netherlands was engulfed by the "orange wave" today as tens of thousands of fans celebrated the Dutch 2-1 victory over West Germany in their European Soccer Championship semifinal last night.

Exuberant fans hugged policemen in Amsterdam, girls on bicycles rang bells and sang "Mar-co van Bas-ten", the Dutch player who scored his fourth goal of the 1988 championships in the closing minute of the match in Hamburg, putting the Netherlands into the final.

Over 400,000 had applied for 80,000 available tickets, prompting a brawl at the Dutch FA headquarters a week before the match.

However, the aficionados left behind didn't stint on their celebrations. In Amsterdam public transport became hopelessly entangled in the streams of cheering people.

It was the first time in 32 years that the Netherlands had beaten West Germany, and for a lot of fans the revenge victory provided as much satisfaction as the prospect of the Netherlands' first European title.

"We beat the Germans. We beat the Germans," one man shouted as he jumped up and down on his balcony in Amsterdam.

The Dutch last beat West Germany 32 years ago, when soccer legend Abe Lenstra scored twice for the Netherlands. In 1974 Holland lost the World Cup final



Ronald Koeman sends the ball past W. German goalkeeper. (Reuters wirephoto)

to the West Germans.

"The final doesn't matter anymore. The fact we humiliated the Germans is what counts now," one fan said at a downtown plaza crowded with people wearing orange hats, orange shirts, shoes and trousers.

In Maastricht, a popular carnival spot in the south of the Netherlands, pubs overflowed with youngsters flocking together to share "their" victory.

And in Utrecht, the Hague and Rotterdam, traffic came to a standstill as thousands gathered in central places to cheer.

Dutch newspapers carried the news as their prime item.

De Telegraaf sported an orange headline crying "Final for

orange" subtitled "Van Basten downs Die Mannschaft." Inside, on the sports pages a picture showing the Dutch players hugging each other after the 2-1 victory was secured, a headline saying "Revenge at last" for the 1974 World Cup final loss to West Germany in Munich.

De Volkskrant carried a front page picture of Dutch captain Rinus Michels bursting with joy as he jumped on the back of teammate Frank Rijkaard. Inside, Frans Ensink said, "This new generation did not need to go tough (11 fouls for the Dutch against 18). Technique and a tight strategy provided this victory."

Former soccer international

Jan Mulder said it was an unforgettable orange squad.

"I watched a new type of soccer. My mouth fell wide open in full amazement," Mulder said. And in an exclusive column in De Telegraaf, captain Rudi Gullit said: "I am a happy human being. Simple, right, but that is the only way I can express myself at this moment."

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Der Kaiser (West German coach Franz Beckenbauer) ranked higher than the general (Michels). Did not Beckenbauer say his Mannschaft were superior to ten of 11 places. Then he did not count on Marco van Basten," Lex Muller said in the Algemeen Dagblad.

A Dutch report on black-market tickets stated that people were willing to buy 19 deutschmarks tickets for up to 300 marks.

Fans unable to get tickets could watch the match on a huge video screen close to Hamburg's Reeperbahn red-light district.

There, Gerard Den Elst of Algemeen Dagblad said, hundreds of festive Dutch fans cheered as some bar girls performed a striptease. No trouble was reported, according to a spokesman for the 12-man Dutch security team travelling with the team.

"They were dancing, laughing, having a party. Really, the atmosphere was super," spokesman Lex Melink said.

Holland will play the winner of Italy-Soviet Union match in Munich June 25 in the European Championship final.

"I hope it will be the Italians," Gullit, an AC Milan striker, said.

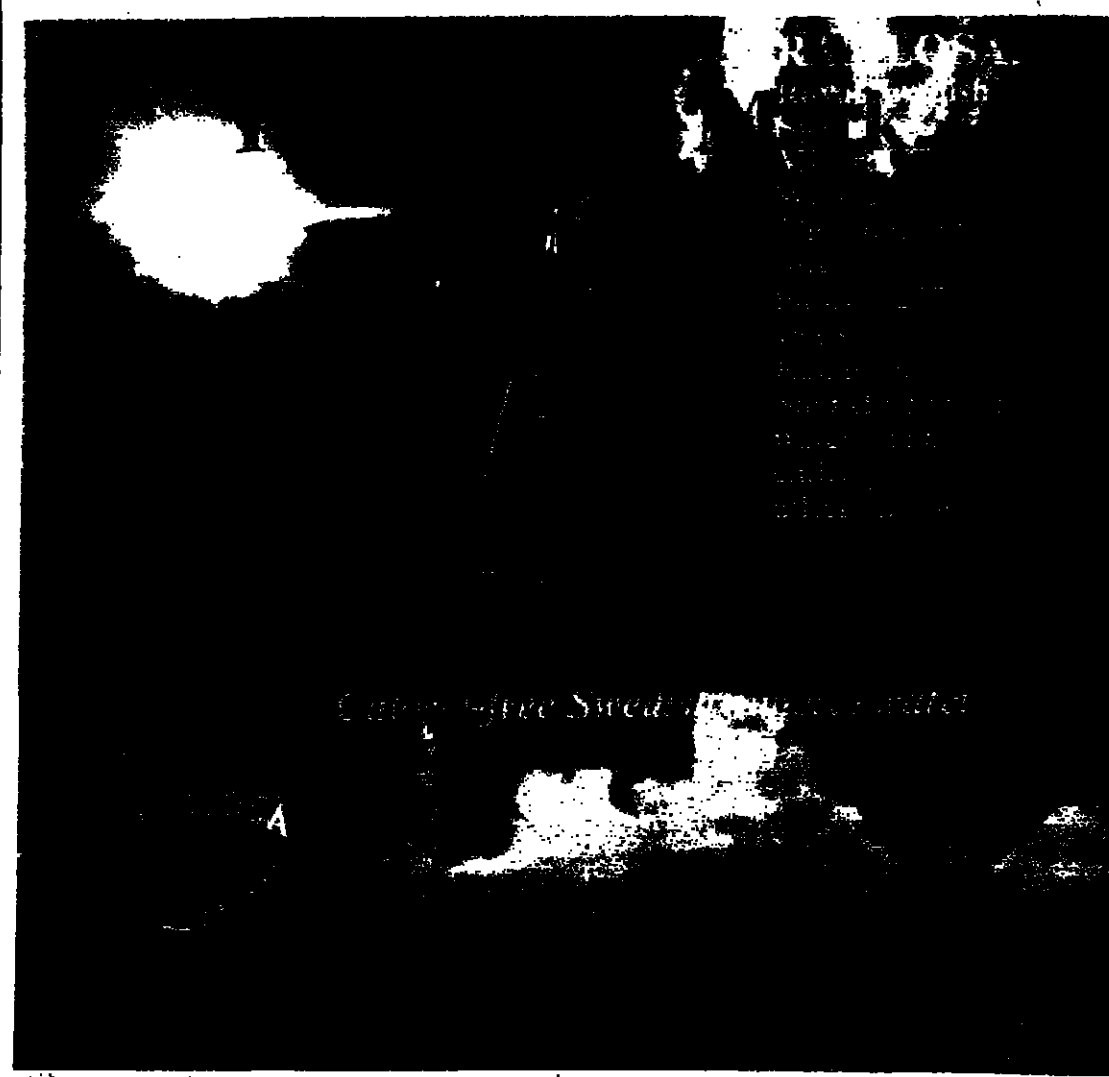
"I don't see much in those Russians. They play a game that does not suit us and which is not exactly what fans expect from soccer. No, I prefer a hundred times a final against Italy. Such a final in Munich will be a deep relief for soccer."

Mendoza sacked
MADRID, June 22. (Reuters): Real Madrid president Ramon Mendoza has been sacked as vice-president of the Spanish Football Federation in a bitter row over Spain's early exit from the European Championships.

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Swedish fans celebrate victory over the Netherlands.

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Service Foreman:

- Diploma in refrigeration and air-conditioning.
- 15 years experience in DX system and chilled water system.
- Kuwait driving licence.
- Conversant with measuring instruments and functions of controls.
- Knowledge of Arabic will be a definite asset.

Installation Foreman:
Fair knowledge about Govt. and semi Govt. installation standards, specification, reports etc.

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